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Area programs to examine genocide, surge in slavery

by George Morrison
FORsooth editor

Two abominable forms of human rights violations and ways to fight them will be highlighted during programs in Kentucky this month. The resurgence of slavery via human trafficking is the topic of a forum Sunday, April 11 in Louisville featuring state, city and religious-based activists involved in the issue.

A workshop April 12-14 at Centre College in Danville will bring together scholars on the holocaust, genocide and peacemaking, including former Louisville fixture Glen Stassen, a professor and author. The program is called the Centre College Colloquium on Religion and Genocide.

“The conference focuses on how religion has been, or can be, both a contributor to horrific violence and a resource for peacemaking,” said Rick Axtell, a professor and chaplain at Centre. “Participants will confront the horrors of violence in our time by looking at the holocaust, the conflicts in Bosnia and Sudan, etc. Despite the reminder, ‘Never Again,’ genocidal violence is obviously an ongoing reality.”

The April 11 program, called “People for Sale: A Forum on Human Trafficking in Louisville,” will talk about what types of trafficking are resurging and how to identify and help a victim, said Cindy Scheldorf, an organizer of the program. The event will illuminate how serious the problem is in this region.

“Human trafficking is happening throughout the United States, but with a concentration in the Southeast. The destination for 25 percent of the victims is here in the Southeast,” she said, adding that victims may

Sunday April 11, “People for Sale: A Forum on Human Trafficking in Louisville.” The two-hour program starts at 3 p.m. and will be held at the Egan Leadership Lectorium at Spalding University, 901 S. 4th St. Contact Matt Hanka at mhanka@yahoo.com.

April 12-14, Centre College Colloquium on Religion and Genocide. At the Danville, Ky. college. Opening session is at 7 p.m. April 12. Contact Rick Axtell at rick.axtell@centre.edu or 859-238-5342.

Both events are free and neither requires registration.

be working in restaurants and hotels, as domestics or in the sexual exploitation industry.

Scheldorf cited a recent *Fellowship* story which said: “Human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal industry in the world, recently surpassing the arms trade worldwide.”

Both programs are free and open to the public and neither requires registration, but Axtell said people attending the Centre event would have to pay for lodging and meals.

To avoid motel costs, he said, “The best bet for Louisville folks would be coming for the day on Tuesday (April 13). But if they wanted to do all three days, there are plenty of hotel rooms in town. These would need to be scheduled on their own.”

At the April 11 program on human trafficking, panelists are to include Marissa

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Walking, talking, not mourning

— photos by Eddie Davis

Peruvian-born policy analyst Gabriela Alcalde, above, in left photo, and labor and civil rights activist Attica Scott, right photo, were two of dozens of pro-justice women noted March 6 during “We Didn’t Mourn, We Organized,” a program honoring anti-racist activist Anne Braden and examining the women who influenced her. The event included a walk, dinner and storytelling. Bob Cunningham, right, speaks by a picture of anti-war leader and former congresswoman Cynthia McKinney.



News briefs from April 1

by George Morrison
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It’ll soon be the start of April and that date, of course, is a time for foolery—limited to the three news briefs below. The rest of this FORsooth is the real peace and justice deal. But for now, you can wonder, what if these stories were true?

Rush Limbaugh defects to Russia to avoid socialism

MOSCOW—Practicing the old conservative slogan “Love it or Leave it,” commentator Rush Limbaugh sought political asylum in the one nation that has in recent years moved away from socialism.

“I’m free!” the Missouri-born radio icon said jubilantly at Moscow’s Vnukovo International Airport after arriving on a flight from New York, his former home. “In Russia, 50 percent of children are born into poverty, 70 percent of your hospital equipment is broken or outdated, about 75 percent of Russian newborns have health problems and you are ranked 163rd in life expectancy. And what does your government spend billions on? Nuclear arms and a space station. It’s a conservative paradise!”

Activists unveil campaign to ‘Breathe Local Air’

LOUISVILLE—Environmental and fair-trade advocates asked Kentuckians yesterday to resist globalization with each intake of air during a kickoff of a new campaign on the Great Lawn waterfront.

“Think globally, inhale locally,” one speaker said to widespread applause. The “Breathe Local Air” campaign, part of hundreds of similar efforts in cities around the world, came in response to the World Trade Organization privatizing the atmosphere in the 1990s.

McConnell blasts Obama, despite fully agreeing

WASHINGTON—“Sorry. I was on autopilot,” Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell said on the Senate floor today, explaining his call a minute earlier to “smash the administration’s proposal for this liberal nonsense called merit pay and charter schools.”

Just after the fist-clenching McConnell denounced those educational policies, a staffer tapped the senior senator from Kentucky on the shoulder and whispered, “We’re for those,” to which the former Jefferson County judge-executive replied, “Oh, yeah.”

Hours later, cable host Bill O’Reilly questioned McConnell for pulling back, saying “Republican leadership must relentlessly attack this left-wing president, come hell, high water or policies we agree with!”

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Complex immigration law keeps agency chief busy

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

In a recent survey of lawyers, immigration law was ranked behind only tax law for complexity, said Anne Achico, a Catholic Charities immigration agency director. And there are now 12-to-15 million undocumented “aliens” in the U.S., she added while speaking at the FOR’s Third Thursday lunch Feb. 18.

So Achico has her work cut out for her. She is a legal representative accredited by the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) to represent immigrants before the Department of Homeland Security. Achico also serves as the associate director of Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services (CCILS), helping the agency fulfill its mission (derived scripturally, a handout at the lunch said, in part from Matthew 25: 35-40) of “serving the strangers among us” and thereby providing help and creating hope.

Achico knows from personal experience what it feels like to be viewed as other than “just American:” although she was born in the U.S., her parents had immigrated from the Philip-pines. So perhaps it was natural that after receiving her master’s degree from Spalding University that she would end up at CCILS, where she has served as associate director for the last five years.

CCILS, Achico said, was established in 1992 as a “one-person shop” dealing only with refugees. It has since expanded, however, to include four full-time legal representatives (including three practicing attorneys) and two supporting staff, who deal with a wide range of immigration issues, including particularly people such as immigrants from Mexico who have to *prove* they belong here.

The CCILS’ focus is on low-income immigrants and on family reunification plus immigrant victims of persecution, violence, human trafficking, and other serious crimes, she said.

A flier passed out at the presentation said, “The legal assistance that CCILS provides is comprehensive, handling a diversity of cases and clients from providing remedies to

immigrant victims of domestic violence to refugees who have fled persecution in their home countries; from orphaned children to the elderly who survive on limited incomes [and] seek citizenship in our country. No immigrant is ever turned away for inability to pay.” Nineteen specific available services are listed. CCILS served more than 2,600 clients in 2006, with more than 400 average monthly scheduled and walk-in appointments.

Many of CCILS’ clients are homeless immigrants from places such as Wayside Christian Mission and the St. John’s day center; the group also deals with “asylees”—those who seek *asylum* while, for example, on a tourist visa, Achico said.

Noting that CCILS has served immigrants from every continent except Antarctica, she went on to tell two stories, one of “Terra” (a pseudonym), whose case “went great” and one of “Lilly,” whose case “went terrible.”

Lilly’s case involved a woman who had been brought into the U.S. at age six weeks but still couldn’t stay when she was found out as an adult. Her case would have been changed by the “Dream Act,” which would simply let folks who came here as children stay, Achico said, adding that the act has been put before Congress but rejected every year since 2000.

Achico also spoke of a law that did pass Congress in 1996 which stipulated that no immigrant who had *ever* been “out of status” (without any sort of legal status in the U.S.) for a particular length of time could ever get back in, even on a temporary visa. Thus people, especially from Mexico, who used to come in seasonally—for example, for the harvest—just stay. And thus the 12-to-15 million “undocumented aliens.”

It turns out that even a good and happy marriage to an American doesn’t necessarily get one into the U.S. legally, said Achico in the Q & A session that followed her presentation. This *despite* the fact that, as audience member John Morrison (who lived for many years in Sweden and became a Swedish citizen) pointed out, immigrants are usually younger and healthier than the general population and there-fore contribute more proportionately in taxes.

Nominations due June 15 for state’s civil rights hall

People who fought for equality in Kentucky can earn a spot in the 2010 Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame. Nominations are being accepted through June 15, said the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights, which is organizing inductions into the hall.

“Any adult Kentucky resident may nominate someone for the Hall of Fame,” a commission e-mail said. “Nominees are men and women who have made significant contributions to Kentucky’s progress in the areas of civil and human rights. The candidates may be either living or deceased, and their contributions may cover a wide range of issues and eras. They may represent the Civil War period, for example, or be activists of today.”

Although LGBT equality is not specifically listed as an eligible cause, the e-mail said nominees’ work against discrimination may be in the areas of “race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age,

disability or other civil rights arenas.” A panel of volunteer judges selects the inductees, the commission said, adding that a ceremony to honor new inductees will be held in October in Louisville. Details will be announced later.

The e-mail said 87 people have been inducted since the first Civil Rights Hall of Fame ceremony in 2000.

People can download the nomination form from the Kentucky Human Rights Commission website at www.kchr.ky.gov and call up “Hall of Fame” on the left side of the screen. “Or anyone can call the commission to ask for a form at 1-800-292-5566,” the e-mail added.

The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights is the state agency that enforces the Kentucky Civil Rights Act and federal laws that prohibit discrimination. For more information, call Cynthia Fox at 1-800-292-5566.

“The 287 law,” which allows the federal government to tap state and local law enforcement officers to enforce immigration laws—providing they are properly trained and supervised by Washington—was cited in this Q & A session as an example of the labyrinthine complexity of immigration law. Achico said many local law officers receive only a two-week training course in this statute.

Finally, Achico noted that Haitian immigrants (in the wake of the recent earthquake there) and those fleeing persecution in Iran are some of the recent groups who have used CCILS’ services.

Achico seems reasonably hopeful, if realistic. It appears, she said, that immigration reform (although in his State of the Union address President Obama said it was still a high

priority) will have to wait for the health-care reform debate to play out.

Therefore, she added, reform probably won’t happen until very late this year (or even 2011) at the earliest. Still, perhaps the best advice one can give to a prospective immigrant or fearfully undocumented “alien,” Achico said, is, “Wait for immigration reform.”

Ike M. Thacker IV and Eustace Durrett, both of Louisville, are advocates for political, social and economic democracy. Thacker focuses on housing and Durrett on transportation issues.

The March Third Thursday Lunch happened after deadline. It will be covered in the May FORsooth. See ad on page six about the April lunch on taxes and war.



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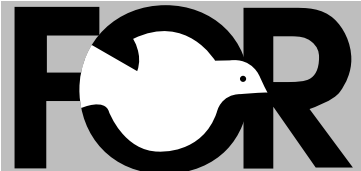
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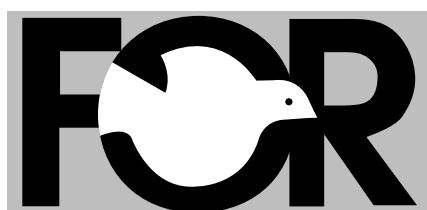
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Poverty and sexism: twin ills addressed by Fair Trade

by Joan C. Frisz

The banner on the wall at Just Creations says: “Fair Trade means Dignity, Sustainability, Education, Hope, A fairer world.” And if you listen to the women, you hear this message echoed the world over:

“I feel like I am finally becoming an independent woman who is *reaching her goals*.” S. V. Quispe, Peru

“I feel respected for my work, and with the wage I receive I am *able to plan for the future*.” Khalida, Pakistan

“My experience helped me plan my future goals.” S. Donald, U.S.A.

However, these sentiments are contrasted by these sobering statistics:

1. Women represent 70 percent of the world’s poor;
2. Two-thirds of children denied primary education are girls;
3. More than two-thirds of the world’s unpaid work is done by women; and
4. Women earn just 5 percent of the world’s income and own 1 percent of the property.

To counter this, Fair Trade organizations are working around the world to help women gain a fair place in the economy. And at the same time women are changing the future - for themselves, for their families, and for their communities.

In 1974, Rani Mani joined SHARE, an organization in India that provides employment, skills training, community

Fair Trade in words

“Now that I’m in a Fair Trade group... every aspect of my life has changed: economically, how I live, work, feel... everything.” B. Flores, Peru

“(Fair Trade) means that (people) around the world can have a better life, have a better vision of themselves, can stand on their own two feet.” G. Fleurant, Haiti

“Customers... can be part of creating a future for us.” A. Dowlethbee, India

In 2006, Rani ended her term as president of her village, Edayansathu, a municipal post like that of mayor, to which she was elected in 2001.

As president, she was responsible for the development and social activities of her community and, although she stopped making handicrafts because of the demands of the post, she continues to be involved in SHARE’s empowerment programs, advocating for education, and encouraging other women’s groups in her village to become involved. Now, many years later, Rani attributes her personal and family success to her handicraft work and involvement with SHARE.

The Fair Trade movement takes a market-based approach toward empowering artisans and farmers, promoting social justice through fair wages and long-term relationships that enable sustainable employment opportunities. Fair Trade organizations provide equal employment opportunities for all people, particularly the most disadvantaged, including women.

Through this principle of gender equity, emphasis is placed on the value of the work women perform, as producers and as leaders within their organizations. Women and men are paid equitably for comparable work. The ability to earn a living transforms a woman’s life because if a woman has adequate income, her children have access to health care and education.

Living examples of this are found in more than 100 villages in Pakistan with artisans who are working with Bunyaad, a Fair Trade Oriental Rug program. With looms located in the artisans’ homes, this project gives increased opportunity to women. Women can work on the looms around their other household chores, like caring for children, preparing meals, and tending their homes.

In the villages where there is very little opportunity for employment, especially for women, work on the looms gives women year-round, stable employment which they have control over. Women artisans are working side-by-side with men in their families and are paid the same amount since all artisans are paid per knot, rather than speed.

Therefore, they are able to make high quality, high knot count pieces. All of this enables artisans to focus on doing quality work with the knowledge that they have the security of a fair income to care for their families’ needs. With this income, women are finding increased financial independence and can contribute financially to the success of their families. Having a wage-earning skill gives them a sense of dignity as well as an avenue to true social change for themselves and their families.

Bunyaad supports more than 10 schools in several Pakistani villages. Many children who live in the villages, especially young girls, do not have easy access to school. Sometimes the distance to the school is so great that parents do not feel comfortable letting their young girls walk to school, because they tend to be protective of their daughters and don’t want children of either gender to walk far.

In response, Bunyaad, through the sale of rugs, has built some schools to reach the students.

One such school is Girls High School, located in the village of Darianwala. When this school opened in 1977, there were only 35 students in grades one to five. Today more than 800 girls attend the school from grades one to 12. Because of this education, a direct result of income earned by their parents who work in the rug program, they are able to dream of becoming teachers, doctors, engineers, or rug makers.

The real value of Fair Trade derives from the number of lives it helps to improve. It is estimated that more than five million producers and their families are reaping benefits from Fair Trade. About 70 percent of these are women.

Together we make a world of difference!

The writer is the executive director of Just Creations, Louisville’s International Fair Trade Marketplace, located at 2722 Frankfort Ave. in Louisville.

Fair Trade rugs

Just Creations is the host of an annual Oriental Rug Event in the early spring of each year. The event features more than 300 rugs made by artisans working with Bunyaad. There may still be time to attend this year’s event, which is March 24-27. If not, plan to attend next year’s — call (502) 897-7319 for more information.

projects and child care for women, empowering them to make a difference in their communities. Despite pressure from her family, Rani continued to work at the handicraft center and was promoted to the training staff. She and her husband built their own house in 1998 and have been able to send their children to boarding and technical schools.

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May 8 (Sat) **EARTH DAY CELEBRATION.** Environmentally-minded businesses and organizations from all over the region will gather at the Falls of the Ohio to share information, show off their accomplishments, and provide fun for the whole family. Special programs include live animals. Sponsored by Jamey Aebersold Jazz, Kentuckiana Air Education, The Trash Force, Vectren, and The Falls of the Ohio Foundation. For more information, visit www.fallsoftheohio.org or call Myra at (812) 225-1433.

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April 12-14 (Mon-Wed) **CENTRE COLLEGE COLLOQUIUM ON RELIGION AND GENOCIDE.** This three-day conference will bring major scholars on the Holocaust, genocide, and peacemaking to Centre’s campus for convocations and workshops. Speakers include: Darrell Fasching, Professor of Religious Studies at University of South Florida; Glen Stassen, Professor of Christian Ethics at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena; Steven Peyton Lee, Professor of Philosophy at Hobart and William Smith Colleges; and Rose Gatens, Director of the Center for Holocaust and Human Rights Education at Florida Atlantic University. For the complete schedule of lectures and workshops, contact Rick Axtell at rick.axtell@centre.edu or (859) 329-9382.

April 16-18 (Fri-Sun) **COMING BACK TO LIFE: SOULFOOD RETREAT.** This weekend retreat will help you explore new sources of energy, awaken to your larger ecological identity, discover your inner wisdom, strength and beauty, and affirm your sense of purpose. Facilitated by Marilyn Stoner and Mark Steiner at Essence House Retreat Center in Palmyra, Indiana. Sponsored by Cultivating Connections. Cost of retreat: sliding scale, \$200-\$300. For more information, call Mark at 897-2721.

Apr 17-19 (Sat-Mon) **LOBBYING IN D.C. TO CLOSE THE SOA/WHINSEC.** Sponsored by SOA Watch, the weekend activities will prepare activists for a day of lobbying Congress on Monday. Activists will receive lobbying training to help them make critical connections, build arguments for closing the school, and learn helpful tactics for engaging Congressional representatives and their staff. For more information, contact Pam Bowman at pbowman@soaw.org or (202) 234-3440.

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Power to the people? Mayor talks bold transformation

My South Carolina friend Jim Campbell recently penned a memo about the current period: "...a meltdown of capitalism, growing permanent unemployment, less able capabilities of educators and school systems to educate our nation's children, a popular culture of 'alienation' abetted by electronic media gadgetry and content, the growth of repressively intolerant reactionary forces and practices via language, 'gotcha' politics, popular images and the 'Enquirerization' of our national media interest and content; we can do much better...."

The mayor of Louisville, for sure a booster of the system, may have read Jim's memo. Reports the Louisville *Courier-Journal* March 2, referencing the possibility of the city buying Louisville Gas & Electric (which is owned by a German conglomerate): "(Mayor Jerry) Abramson said public ownership would help keep Kentucky power rates low since governments, unlike private owners, would not require a large profit." Well, shut my mouth, y'all.

The article continues: "There are about 250 municipally owned gas and electric utilities around the country. In Kentucky, they include utilities in Bowling Green, Owensboro and Paducah, among others.... A possible model might be the Louisville Water Company, which is not supported by city funds but is owned by the city." I really like that part about profit.

And while we are on the topic of enlightened officialdom: As I bear the shame of Kentucky's illustrious professional baseball player-turned-U.S. senator, Jim Bunning—who just a few weeks ago held up approval of an extension of unemployment benefits, perhaps reminiscing about how he left his balls on the baseball field way back when—I think back to 1983. I was in Matagalpa, Nicaragua, and maybe ten of us *norteamericanos* were peppering with questions (instead of listening to) some young nicarag?nses who had given up their school break to help with the coffee harvest.

One of these young volunteers spoke: "Most people in the United States are workers and are not rich, right?" We agreed. "Ronald Reagan represents the rich." Again, we nodded in agreement. "So why did you elect Reagan the first time, and why are you going to return him to office next year?"

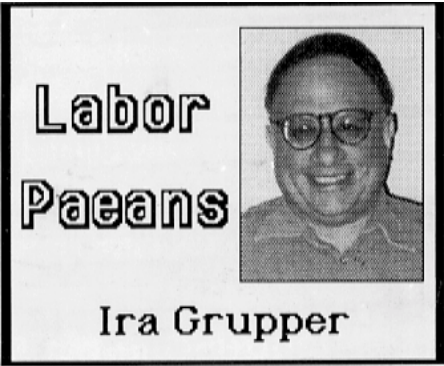
Then I think back even further, to the 1960s, and Tom Paxton's classic song, *What did you Learn in School Today?*:

*What did you learn in school today,
Dear little (child) of mine?
What did you learn in school today,
Dear little (child) of mine?
I learned our government must be strong.
It's always right and never wrong.
Our leaders are the finest men.
And we elect them again and again.
That's what I learned in school today.
That's what I learned in school.*

As we head to press, the AFL-CIO is beginning a National Jobs Campaign. Reports *Workers Independent News* (www.laborradio.org) March 14: "The AFL-CIO this week is kicking off a national jobs campaign calling Wall Street to task for the damage it has inflicted on American working families."

The article quotes AFL-CIO official, Dan Pedrotty: "Millions of people are out of work today because Wall Street played Russian Roulette with our economy and our future. So the AFL-CIO will be holding more than two hundred rallies and demonstrations across the country where we're calling on the biggest banks to pay to replace the jobs that they destroyed."

But not all is well in the fightback. David Sirota's Open Left blog (March 4) headlines: Obama Adopts Bush Plan to Hide Outsourced Job Data: "The Bush administration had a nasty penchant for trying to bury bad economic news—a nasty penchant that I was intimately familiar with when working on the House Appropriations Committee. One of the most egregious examples of this came in 2003. Here's the Washington Post on 1/2/03: U.S. Drops Report On Mass Layoffs/ Data Helped States Track Patterns of Industrial Demise: 'Citing a shortage of money, the Bureau of Labor Statistics will stop publishing information about factory closings across the country, a decision that some state officials and labor leaders are protesting.'"



"The monthly Labor Department analysis, known as the Mass Layoffs Statistics report, detailed where workplaces with more than 50 employees closed and what kinds of workers were affected. Luckily, because of progressive pressure and public outcry, this Bush move was overturned by Congress. But now, the same kind of thing is back." That, again, was in 2003.

Sirota goes on: "it looks like the Obama administration is reprising the same scheme, by closing down International Labor Comparisons statistical (reporting).... Apparently, no matter which party is in power, when bad news hits, the response is bury the news."

So why does the ruling class want to hide this stuff? Humana, the healthcare vulture perched here in Louisville, recently reported profits topping \$1 billion in 2009, a 61 percent increase over the year before. Despite the profits, Humana has announced that 2,500 of its workers, including 750 here in Louisville, will lose their jobs. Yet, as I understand it, Humana will be creating jobs in another department.

How does all this impact the working class? The Alliance for Retired Americans informs us (March 12): "Tens of thousands of activists, seniors, union members, and religious leaders protested against insurance company abuses on Tuesday in front of the Ritz-Carlton (hotel) in Washington, D.C., where America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP) leaders were meeting.... Congressional Budget Office announced that the Senate health care plan would cut the deficit by \$118 billion over a decade."

Hey, between the Congressional Budget Office's revelation and Louisville Mayor Abramson's anti-monopoly epiphany—maybe we got a good thing going, y'all.

Well, maybe the good thing has a ways to go. The National Center on Senior Transportation (NCST) held its annual educational briefing on Capitol Hill March 2, calling attention to the "silent need" for senior transportation in both rural and urban neighborhoods. NCST's priority is to ensure that older Americans have options in order to maintain mobility and their independence.

This news must have bypassed Louisville, since TARC, the city agency operating the city's bus system, is eliminating many routes, which in turn is upending the lives of so many working people, and the disabled.... Well, at least we can attend the many Kentucky Derby gala balls coming in May, a/k/a rub elbows and get sloshed for charity and write it off on your taxes.

But the next day, when the hangover subsidies, we face more grim news: "(In February), the California pharmacy board was poised to adopt strict new requirements for prescription drug labels, such as large type on labels and an oral translation available for non-

English speakers. Senior citizens, consumer advocacy groups and minority organizations had championed these proposals, calling them essential. However, the day before the vote, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger (R) placed a CVS/Pharmacy executive on the board. The executive, Deborah Veale, then cast a vote that effectively killed that plan. Under the new regulations that did pass, pharmacies are not obligated to provide non-English translations of drug labels, and the small print on labels will remain (per Alliance for Retired Americans).

Good health care and civility toward folk who are different from us need to go hand in hand. Well, maybe we need to think back to National Brotherhood Week, created and overseen the National Conference for Community and Justice, which used to be called the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

From the 1940s through the 1980s, NCCJ celebrated National Brotherhood Week. And maybe we need to know that, just as NCCJ broadened its scope to include Muslims, and others, so must we.

Demonizing Muslims has a long history. Case in point: CNN reported in November that Glenn Beck told Rep. Keith Ellison (D-MN), the first Muslim in the U.S. Congress:

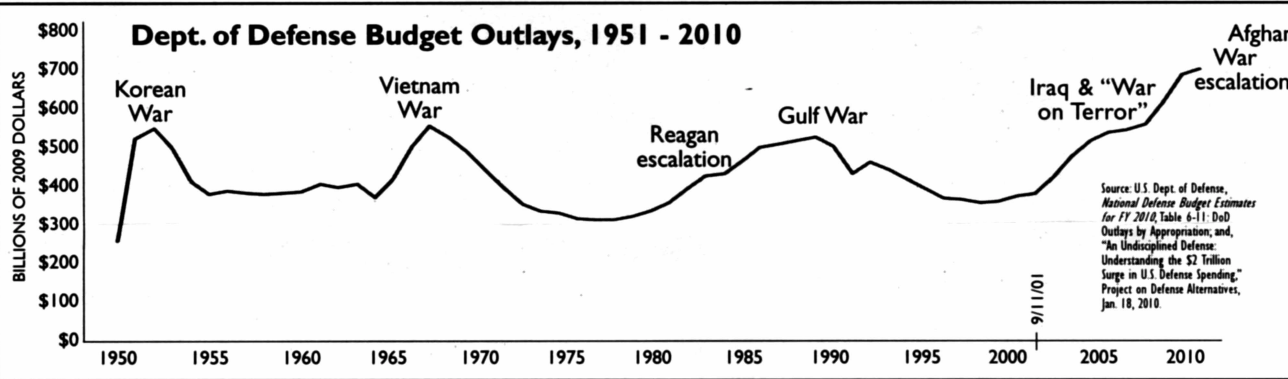
"I have been nervous about this interview with you because what I feel like saying is, 'Sir, prove to me that you are not working with our enemies....' And I know you're not. I'm not accusing you of being an enemy, but that's the way I feel, and I think a lot of Americans will feel that way.'" Should we ask Mr. Beck the same question?

Contact Ira Grupper at irag@iglou.com.

MILITARY SPENDING SURGE

A \$2 trillion boost for base Pentagon spending since 1998. **Plus**, \$1 trillion for endless wars. **Plus**, thousands killed in wars, millions in need of food and shelter, the U.S. economy in tatters. How much longer will taxpayers continue funding the military-industrial complex at the expense of true security? Worried about jobs? The increase in military spending since 2000 could cost the economy close to 2 million jobs in the long run.*

***Massive Defense Spending Leads to Job Loss," Dean Baker, Center for Economic and Policy Research, Nov. 2009, truthout.org/1109097

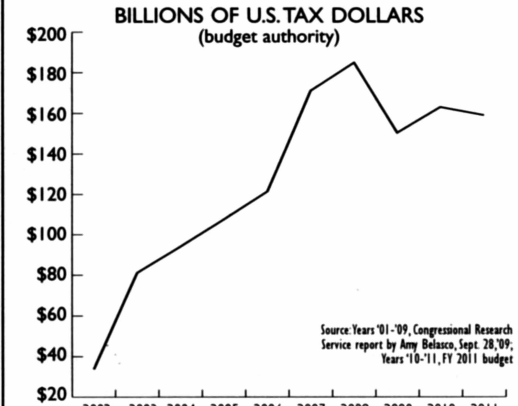


U.S. Nuclear Weapons: "WAR IS PEACE"

George Orwell's 1984 has arrived. President Obama was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2009 while waging two wars. The Nobel Committee cited Obama's commitment to work for a world without nuclear weapons. Obama's 2011 budget turns "peace" on its head: steady increases in nuclear weapons spending over the next 10 years, including a new plutonium facility for the Los Alamos National Laboratory (NM) and a uranium manufacturing plant at Oak Ridge (TN).



FUNDING THE GLOBAL "WAR ON TERROR"



WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Leaflet with this flyer now, on Tax Day (April 15), and in the months before a new budget is passed in October.
- Write elected officials and local newspapers. Send them copies of this flyer. Demand that the Pentagon budget be slashed.
- Protest with your money! Sign up at wartaxboycott.org. Refuse to pay all or part of your federal income tax. Whatever you choose to refuse—\$1, \$10, or a percentage—send a letter to elected officials and tell them why. Though illegal, thousands of people openly participate in this form of protest. Contact us for information or referral to a counselor near you. Contribute resisted tax money to organizations that support the common good.
- Get *Death & Taxes*, the new 30-min. DVD featuring war tax resisters from across the country, available at nwtrcc.org/deathandtaxes.htm.

- For more about refusing to pay for war, contact the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee, PO Box 150553, Brooklyn, NY 11215, (800) 269-7464, nwtrcc.org. Support the Peace Tax Fund bill: peacetaxfund.org.
- Support military personnel who refuse to fight in Iraq and Afghanistan. For more information see ivaw.org or grieghtshotline.org. Call the GI Rights Hotline if you are in the military and need help: (877) 447-4487.
- RESOURCES**
- Additional copies of this leaflet are available for 10¢ each (1-199), 7¢ each (200 - 499), 6¢ each (500+) plus 20% postage or call for exact amount.
- For sample brochures and resources on war tax resistance, send a self-addressed stamped (61¢) envelope to War Resisters League at the New York address below.

- *War Tax Resistance: A Guide to Withholding Your Support from the Military*, 144-page handbook with history, methods and resources. \$15 plus \$4.95 priority mail; \$3 media mail.
- LOCAL CONTACT:**
- Fellowship of Reconciliation Louisville Chapter**
- 2236 Kaelin Avenue
- Louisville, KY 40205
- www.louisville-for.org
- klm86@att.net
- War Resisters League
- 339 Lafayette Street, New York, NY 10012
- Tel (212) 228-0450
- Fax (212) 228-6193
- wrl@warresisters.org
- www.warresisters.org



Feb. 2010, 50,000



Letters to
FORsooth

Harmful patriarchy

I just had to write after reading your very fine article in the March, 2010 FORsooth, “In the ring and on the slopes, a gender double standard.” It isn’t often that sexism and the exploitation of women get addressed in the media. Thank you for doing so.

Your analogy between Joe Louis, the boxer, refusing to pose for the press with a watermelon, and Lindsey Vonn, the Olympic skier, allowing herself to be photographed in a “cheese cake” shot and in a bikini for Sports Illustrated **clearly points out just how much women are viewed as sex objects** and its harmful aftermath.

Ms. Vonn did what she did because she is a victim of a patriarchal society. Too bad the (Sports Illustrated) focus wasn’t on her strengths and abilities on the slopes. Thanks again for your valuable insight.

Peace,
Gloria Kemper-O’Neil
Louisville
FOR Member

Jean’s plug appreciated

Thanks for the nice plug in the latest edition of FORsooth (Jean’s Journal, March 2010). Very kind of you. Hope you and the others there are doing well and working hard as usual.

Best wishes for a better year ahead.

Bruce K. Gagno, Coordinator
Global Network Against Weapons
& Nuclear Power in Space
Brunswick, Maine

Programs

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Castellano, who works with Catholic Charities of Louisville as the Project Manager of Kentucky Rescue and Restore Victims of Human Trafficking. Forum organizers said she works directly with identified victims of human trafficking throughout Kentucky.

She is to share the podium with Gretchen Hunt, a staff attorney for the Kentucky Division of Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Services. Hunt, organizers said, spent five years representing immigrant women and children who were victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking.

The other panelist is to be Jeanette Westbrook, co-chairperson of the Louisville Task Force on Human Trafficking. She served last month as a U.S. delegate to U.N. Committee on the Status of Women.

At the Centre workshop, Stassen, a professor at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Ca. and author of *Just Peacemaking: The New Paradigm for the Ethics of Peace and War*, will be part of a distinguished group of academicians and activists. They include Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Roy Gutmann, who reported about Serbian death camps. He will talk on the genocide in Bosnia in the 1990s.

Rose Gatens, director of the Center for Holocaust and Human Rights Education at Florida Atlantic University, is to talk on “Teaching Genocide: Beyond the Nazi Holocaust.” Darrell Fasching, professor of religious studies at the University of South Florida, will look at “the Religious Justification for Genocide.”

“The workshops will offer resources for positive peacemaking,” Axtell said. “For example, Glen Stassen’s ‘Just Peacemaking’ paradigm and Steven Peyton Lee’s work on humanitarian intervention will help us focus on both preventative action and interventionist responses.”

Third Thursday Lunches

presented by the

Fellowship of Reconciliation & Interfaith Paths to Peace

February to May 2010

April 15

DEATH AND TAXES. A thirty minute DVD produced by the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee in Washington, DC will be viewed and discussed. The film, "Death and Taxes" introduces us to war tax resistance/refusal through the stories of 28 active resisters. Discussion following the film will be moderated by John Wilborn, a retired CPA who maintains a small individual tax preparation practice. He has volunteered for 12 years in a free tax preparation program sponsored by the Louisville Asset Based Coalition. John is a military veteran with an abiding interest in peace and social justice. Local tax resisters will participate in the discussion also.

May 20

SOLDIERS OF CONSCIENCE. Bill Galvin of the Center on Conscience & War has been invited. Through his work over many years, he has counseled untold numbers of soldiers and draft resisters. We well remember when he came to Louisville during the Vietnam War to lead a workshop on draft resistance. His expertise has been noted recently by those who produced a new film "Soldiers of Conscience." Since he had counseled some of the veterans who were selected to tell their stories in the film, Bill was able to provide information and advice. Hopefully he will be able to speak at the lunch and to hold a workshop in Louisville. A screening of the film is being scheduled for later in May.



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Take Action: Travel to Israel/Palestine This Summer

Now is also a vital time to visit the West Bank and Israel. Interfaith Peace-Builders is organizing two delegations this summer, a May delegation led by *Anna Baltzer and Cathy Sultan* and a July delegation led by *Jacob Pace and Miryam Rashid*. See details below.

Since 2000, Interfaith Peace-Builders has sent over 500 people (students, educators, working professionals, activists, retirees) on 32 fact-finding delegations to Israel/Palestine. We started the program when Israelis and Palestinians first invited us into their homes, offices, and places of worship to learn from them about their lives and their work for justice.

Today, our delegations continue as a testament to the transformative power of learning directly from those living in Israel/Palestine. Travel with us this summer to learn more, gain skills for advocacy on this issue, and meet and network with organizations and individuals working in Israel/Palestine.

July 2010 Delegation

Tomorrow’s Leaders: Youth Realities and Peacebuilding Initiatives in Palestine and Israel

July 24 – August 6, 2010

Delegation Leaders: Jacob Pace and Miryam Rashid
Co-Sponsored with AFSC-Great Lakes Region

Two thirds of the Palestinian population and one third of the Israeli population are under the age of 25. More than just numbers, youth in Israel/Palestine play important roles in community development, lead nonviolent struggles for justice, and work together across national lines toward reconciliation. They are also among the conflict’s most tragic victims.

This delegation will explore issues relevant to young people in Palestine/Israel, including efforts to educate and empower future generations working towards a just resolution to the conflict. Our itinerary will feature meetings with Palestinian and Israeli youth and youth workers as well as leaders of civil society groups, grassroots organizers, religious leaders and more.

DEADLINE TO APPLY: Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until late May. Spaces are already filling up, so we can’t guarantee spots will be available. Apply soon to reserve your space!

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE JULY DELEGATION at: <http://www.ifpb.org/del34/default.html>

Can’t Travel this Summer?

We also have a November 2010 Delegation. We also are already planning for 2011 delegations.

To express interest in future delegations, send us an email to office@ifpb.org.

To learn more about delegation specifics, including who we meet, cost, and possibilities for financial aid, go to: <http://www.ifpb.org/delegations/default.html>.

ACTION FOR A
NUCLEAR WEAPONS –
FREE WORLD

Come to New York,
April 30 – May 2, 2010
Actions planned for the Non-
Proliferation Treaty Review

- On Saturday, May 1, The International Peace Conference opens in NYC sponsored by 50 peace and security groups.
- On Sunday, May 2, March and Mass Rally with workshops at the United Nations. International Day of Action for a Nuclear-Free World.
- On Friday, May 14, Arrival in NYC of 800 Japanese Peace Activists on the “Peace Boat”

President Obama and Russian President Medvedev are committed to finalize a new nuclear arms reduction treaty when the current Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START) ends. Their goal is to verifiably reduce nuclear warheads to 500-1100 for each nation over a phased seven year period.

In May the U.N. will convene the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference, representing a key juncture in the work for nuclear disarmament and a vital opportunity to revive the anti-nuclear movement. The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty is reviewed every five years. Many of us in Louisville remember June 1982 when we took two bus loads to New York City for the United Nation’s Special Session on Disarmament. It was a two-day trip, and we slept in a church on the floor. That exciting weekend march drew an estimated one million people.

There were five nuclear powers at that time. Today, there are nine, and the dangers of nuclear proliferation are even more acute than 28 years ago.

We applaud President Obama for declaring in Prague , “**I state clearly and with conviction America’s commitment to seek that peace and security of a world without nuclear weapons.**” However, despite lofty nuclear disarmament rhetoric, the Obama Administration has asked for the largest nuclear weapons budget ever! This is not what we worked for. Consequently, all national peace and justice organizations are engaged in a massive petition campaign to be presented at the UN Conference and Rally on May 2.

INTERNATIONAL PETITION CAMPAIGN TO PRESIDENT OBAMA. Be part of the growing international campaign to abolish nuclear weapons. SIGN ONLINE AT: www.forusa.org

NUCLEAR POWER WINNING SUPPORT,
EVEN IN U.S.

This was the headline for an article in the Louisville Courier-Journal (11-26-09). Again on 1-30-10, the C-J reported that state officials are scouting potential nuclear power plant sites around Kentucky as part of a broader effort to expand the state’s electricity supply beyond traditional coal-fired generators which supply more than 90 percent of the state’s electricity. A moratorium on nuclear power has effectively been observed for 26 years.

This news inspired me to read an excerpt from an article in *Peace through Justice* (3-9-10) by Doug Sanders, *Globe and Mail*, (2-3-10), entitled **CHERNOBYL TODAY**. (Thanks to Sister Mary Schmuck, compiler of PtJ)

“Thirteen years after Canada and other nations pledged \$768 million to render the destroyed nuclear reactor safe, the cost has ballooned to \$2 billion and the job still isn’t done. Almost a quarter-century after its explosion killed hundreds and shocked the world, the Chernobyl nuclear reactors still sit crumbling amid uninhabitable wasteland in northern Ukraine, still emits surprising amounts of radiation, and still absorbs vast amounts of money....Portions of the reactor core are still exposed to open air and rainwater....At least a dozen {Ukrainian} cabinet ministers have controlled the project since it began....Many of the ministers seemed utterly disinterested in actually enclosing the reactor, officials said. Chernobyl became a source of largesse. Today, a decade after it was shut down completely, the reactor still has more than 3,000 employees on its full-time payroll....”

WHERE IS THIS “NEW REACTOR RENAISSANCE” COMING FROM?, we have been wondering. The answer is found in *Solartopia, Our Green Powered Earth* by Harvey Wasserman. www.harveywasserman.com His book was reviewed in the newsletter published by the Columbus Peace Fellowship/FOR in its March 2010 issue. 12870 W 525 S, Columbus, IN 47201 (Contact Judith Gillespie, 812-342-1949. judyngillespie@att.net

MARJAH — a new and “gentler” war?

Marines say the Taliban has been cleared from Marjah, but NATO’s Gen. Stanley McChrystal says the surge must go full steam ahead. Afghans are bracing for a bigger, more comprehensive assault in neighboring Kandahar province, the birthplace of the Taliban. Aid organizations expect to handle up to 10,000 people who may be displaced by the fighting. **Our military should be assisting displaced people around the world, like Haiti and Chile instead of displacing 10,000 more in Kandahar.**

On Saturday, March 13, 2010 the Taliban released deadly bomb attacks on Kandahar, the south’s largest city — a warning that they are ready for the war’s next major offensive. The bombings that demolished buildings and killed dozens, including ten people at a wedding, prompted the provincial governor to plead for more security. However, the attacks failed to achieve their main objective, which was to free hundreds of criminals and suspected insurgents at a prison. The five blasts hit the prison, police headquarters, a wedding hall next door and other areas on roads leading to the prison. Thirty-five people were killed and 57 wounded including 13 policemen and 22 civilians. No inmates escaped. (Courier-Journal, 3-15-2010, page A8)



WAR! WAR! WAR WITHOUT END!

Why should we send our tax dollars to pay for these wars?

For an in-depth discussion on this topic please sign up for the “Third Thursday Lunch” (April 15, 2010)
Call 458-8056. (See calendar entry for April 15)

BREAKING NEWS

For the first time in the University of California history, the UC Berkeley Student Senate has approved a bill to divest from two US companies in response to the Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories and to Israel’s siege and bombardment of the GAZA Strip. The Senate bill directs both the UC Regents and the Student Government to divest from General Electric and United Technologies. General Electric manufactures Apache helicopter engines;United Technologies manufactures Sikorsky helicopters and F-16 aircraft engines. In addition, the bill creates a task force to look into furthering a socially responsible investment policy for the UC system.


Student Senator Rahul Patel declared that in the 1980s the Student Government was a central actor in demanding that the university divest from South African apartheid; and 25 years later, it is a key figure in shaping a nationwide movement against occupation and war crimes around the world. “Student Government can be a space to mobilize and make decisions that have a significant impact on the international community.”

The two students who co-authored the bill are Tom Pessah (tompessah@berkeley.edu) (510.590.7902) and Emiliano Huet-Vaughn (emiliano@econ.berkeley.edu), (510.847.6186)

The Senate deliberation, which started Wednesday night, concluded at 3 am Thursday morning, March 18, 2010. The meeting was flooded with students, educators, and community members, which prompted the relocation of the Senate session from the Senate Chambers to a larger room. The attendees took turns making impassioned arguments for and against the bill. The diverse list of guest speakers included 76 names, ranging in age from college freshmen to Vietnam veterans. After amendments, the final bill passed on a 16-4 vote.

PEOPLE FOR SALE:

A FORUM ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN LOUISVILLE



Sunday, April 11, 2010
3.00-5.00 p.m.
Egan Leadership Center Lectorium at Spalding University
901 South Fourth Street
(parking adjacent to building)

Panelists:

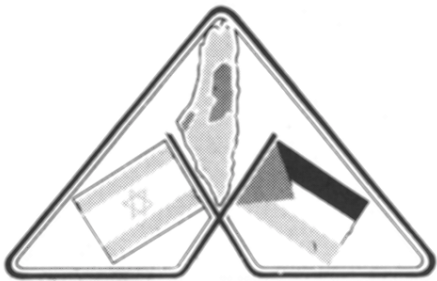
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Jeannette Westbrook is the current co-chair of The Louisville Task Force on Human Trafficking bringing her expertise on victim responses to the Task Force. Ms. Westbrook has a Master of Science in Social Work from UofL, has made three presentations at the UN, and is serving as a US Delegate for International Federation of University Women for the March 2010 UN Committee on the Status of Women.

Sponsored by the Louisville Chapter of the United Nations Association
For more information, contact UNA-Louisville President Dr. Matt Hanka (mhanka@yahoo.com)

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American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) /Kentucky Chapter (502.893.9828) www.adckentucky.com

Calendar for peacemakers

Apr 3 (Sat) **“PLANT FOR THE PLANET!” ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION.** The Kentucky Division of Forestry will give away over 1,500 tree seedlings to those who are willing to plant and care for them. Choices include understory species and canopy species of many varieties, including pawpaws, oaks, rebuds, and tulip poplars. 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM, rain or shine. Douglass Community Center, 2305 Douglass Avenue in the Highlands. For more information, contact Stephen at 459-1405 or srs@iglou.com.

Apr 4 (Sun) **SUSTAINABLE LOCAL PUBLIC POLICY.** Every Sunday at 2 PM at the Legal Aid Society, 416 W. Muhammad Ali. Become a part of this grassroots movement bringing principles of sustainability into local public policy. For details, contact: j@bikecourier.org.

Apr 4 (Sun) **VIGIL FOR PEACE** every first Sunday evening, remembering all those suffering from conflicts in the Middle East. Bring a candle. 5-6 PM, Bardstown Road at Douglass Blvd. Sponsored by LPAC (Louisville Peace Action Community). For more information, call Harold Trainer at 387-9490.

Apr 5 (Mon) **SUSTAINABLE LOCAL PUBLIC POLICY.** Every Monday at 6 PM at the Center for Neighborhoods, 610 South Fourth Street, #701. Become a part of this grassroots movement bringing principles of sustainability into local public policy. For details, contact: j@bikecourier.org.

Apr 6 (Tues) **“GREENING WEST LOUISVILLE” FUNDRAISING DINNER.** Join Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light for this special evening in support of Greening West Louisville, an initiative designed to assist churches in West Louisville reduce their energy costs. Featuring guest speaker Rev. Sally Bingham, founder of Interfaith Power and Light and author of *Love God, Heal Earth*. 7 PM, St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church. For more information or to register, visit www.kentuckyipl.org, email info@kentuckyipl.org, or call 210-8920.

Apr 7 (Wed) **SOCIAL JUSTICE LECTURE SERIES.** Dr. Pem Buck of Elizabethtown Community College will speak on “So What’s Race For, Anyway? Smokescreens, Exploitation, and the State.” 3 PM, UofL Humanities Building, Room 300. Sponsored by the Muhammad Ali Institute. For more information, call 852-6372 or visit <http://louisville.edu/aliinstitute>.

Apr 7-11 (Wed-Sun) **2010 “GREEN” PILGRIMAGE.** Pilgrims will walk approximately 27 miles over 4 days, making a circuit in and around Louisville through our Olmsted Parks and along the parkways that connect them. In the process, they will get a first-hand, ground level view of the extensive beauty in Louisville Metro, explore issues such as air and water quality, sustainability, local foods, and green technologies, and integrate the wisdom and practices of our diverse spiritual traditions. Sponsored by Interfaith Paths to Peace. For more information, visit www.paths2peace.org, or contact Terry Taylor at 214-7322 or taiduende2@yahoo.com.

Apr 7 (Wed) **THE LOUISVILLE SUSTAINABILITY FORUM.** Meets the first Wednesday of each month. The forum’s purpose is to hold and promote the intention of sustainability for Louisville; establish and nourish relationships that strengthen community and create change; and create a space for discussion that inspires, motivates and deepens our ability to catalyze social change. Bring your lunch and enjoy the company of like-minded community members. Noon to 1:45 PM, Passionist Earth & Spirit Center, The Barn at 1924 Newburg Road.

Apr 8 (Thurs) **THE FDR/LINCOLN LEGACY CLUB.** Meets the second Thursday of the month, for those interested in learning about fair trade and the American system of economics of Hamilton and Clay. 6:30 PM, 1838 Frankfort Ave. For more information, contact John Miller at papajohn15@bellsouth.net.

Apr 8 (Thurs) **APPAP (American Palestine Public Affairs Forum).** Every second Thursday. A documentary film exploring the situation in Middle East will be presented. 6:30 PM, Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, 1044 Alta Vista Road, Nelson Hall, Room 119. For more information, call Bashar Masri, 773-1836.

Apr 10 (Sat) **PEAK OIL.** Every 2nd Saturday, Main Library, 4th & York, Mezzanine, Boardroom. 9 AM. Call George Perkins, 425-6645.

Apr 11 (Sun) **PEOPLE FOR SALE: A FORUM ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN LOUISVILLE.** Featuring panelists Marissa Castellano of Catholic Charities of Louisville; Gretchen Hunt of the Kentucky Division of Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Services; and Jeannette Westbrook of the Louisville Task Force on Human Trafficking. 3-5 PM, Spalding University, Egan Leadership Center Lectorium, 901 South Fourth Street. Sponsored by the Louisville Chapter of the United Nations Association. For more information, email Matt at mhanka@yahoo.com.

Apr 11 (Sun) **“AIM HIGHER”** focusing on military counter-recruitment. Every 2nd Sunday at 7 PM, 2236 Kaelin Avenue at the FOR office. This group welcomes invitations to speak about conscientious objection, military recruitment, and the possibility for high school students to “opt out” of having their names given to recruiters. Call Jim Johnson, 262-0148.

Apr 12 (Mon) **THE U.S., INDIA AND THE WORLD: 2020 AND BEYOND.** A formal banquet honoring Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, renowned scientist, visionary leader and the 11th President of India. During this historic visit to Louisville, President Kalam will share the story of his presidency, his vision for transforming India into a fully developed global power by the year 2020, and the impact of that transformation on the rest of the world. 6 PM, Hyatt Regency Downtown, 320 West Jefferson. Sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Kentucky/Southern Indiana. For details and ticket information, contact Ben at ben.jones@worldkentucky.org or 561-5422.

Apr 13 (Tues) **50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE KENTUCKY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS.** Its mission is to eradicate discrimination in the Commonwealth through enforcement of the Kentucky Civil Rights Act. Join us for a celebration at Memorial Auditorium, 4th & Kentucky Streets. 5 PM. (Doors open at 4:45 PM.) Keynote speaker will be Dr. Blaine Hudson, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at UofL. For more details, contact the Metropolitan Housing Coalition at 584-6858.

Apr 13 (Tues) **ACLU CENTRAL KY CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING.** This year’s featured speaker will be Al Cross, Director of the Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues at the University of Kentucky, and formerly a reporter for over 26 years at the Courier-Journal. 7 PM, Temple Adath Israel, 124 South Ashland Ave., Lexington, KY. For more information, contact the ACLU of Kentucky at 581-9746.

April 14 (Wed) **EBOO PATEL: 2010 GRAWEMEYER AWARD IN RELIGION LECTURE.** Founder of the Interfaith Youth Core in Chicago, Patel won the religion award for his autobiography, *Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim, the Struggle for the Soul of a Generation*. 7 PM, Louisville Seminary, Caldwell Chapel. 1044 Alta Vista Road. For more information, visit www.lpts.edu or call 992-9358.

Apr 14 (Wed) **KITLAC (KY Interfaith Taskforce on Latin America and the Caribbean).** Every second Wednesday at the Presbyterian Seminary. 7:30 PM. Call David Horvath, 479-9262, or Pat Geier, 456-6586.

Apr 15 (Thurs) **THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH: DEATH AND TAXES!** A 30-minute DVD presentation, “Death and Taxes” will be viewed. The film introduces us to war tax resistance/refusal through the stories of 28 active resisters. Discussion will be moderated by John Wilborn, a retired CPA who maintains a small individual tax preparation practice. He has volunteered for 12 years in a free tax preparation program sponsored by the Louisville Asset Based Coalition. Local war tax resisters will also be present to participate in the discussion. The Lunch is sponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation in cooperation with Interfaith Paths to Peace. Rudyard Kipling, 422 West Oak. Buffet lunch at 11:30; presentation begins at noon. \$6. For reservations, call Jean Edwards at 458-8056 or email edwardsfor@bellsouth.net.

Apr 15 (Thurs) **KENTUCKY SINGLE PAYER HEALTH CARE.** Every third Thursday, 5:30 PM. Main Library, 4th & York Streets, Mezzanine Board Room. Call Kay Tillow, 636-1551.

Apr 17 (Sat) **PEACEFUL SKIES PICNIC.** A peaceful alternative to Thunder Over Louisville, featuring food, games, arts & crafts, music and fun for the whole family. The Americana Center, 4801 Southside Drive. Sponsored by Interfaith Paths to Peace. For more information, visit www.paths2peace.org.

Apr 18 (Sun) **LOUISVILLE COMMITTEE FOR ISRAELI/PALESTINIAN STATES.** Every third Sunday. First Unitarian Church, 4th & York Streets, 3 PM. Call Beverley Marmion, 451-5658.

Apr 18 (Sun) **DR. MAYA ANGELOU** joins the Canaan Community Development Center for a special prelude event to “Destiny 2010: An Agenda for Change.” Tickets \$35. For more information, call 776-6369.

Apr 19 (Mon) **DEADLINE FOR THE MAY ISSUE OF FORsooth.** Contact **George Morrison, editor, at 454-2752**, or klm86@att.net.

Note: Please email new or updated calendar listings to calendar.peace@gmail.com, or call Nikki at 451-3402.

Apr 20 (Tues) **PEACE EDUCATION GAMES DAY—PART 2.** Learn cooperative games to take back to your school, community center, place of worship, youth group, day care center, family, etc. Participants will be provided hands-on learning of the games. \$55 fee includes written instructions for all the games, a boxed lunch and loads of fun. The workshop is limited to 40 participants. Registration required. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes. 10 AM to 2 PM, Central Presbyterian Church, 318 W. Kentucky. For more information or to register, call 589-6583 or visit www.

Apr 24 (Sat) **DESTINY 2010: AN AGENDA FOR CHANGE.** This year’s symposium will focus on the issues of health and the eradication of violence in the African American community. Featured speakers will be Chief Robert C. White of the Louisville Metro Police, and Dr. Adewale Troutman, Director of the Louisville Metro Dept. of Public Health and Wellness. 9:30 AM to noon, 2840 Hikes Lane. Sponsored by the Canaan Community Development Corporation. For more information, call 776-6369.

Apr 25 (Sun) **EARTH DAY CELEBRATION AT THE LOUISVILLE ZOO.** It’s a party for the planet to celebrate Earth Day! Learn about the zoo’s conservation efforts and visit environmental displays by some of their eco-partners at four stations set up throughout the zoo. 10 AM to 2 PM. Special discount admission is just \$2 per person all day. 1100 Trevilian Way. For more information, visit www.louisvillezoo.org or call 459-2181.

Apr 25-28 (Sun-Wed) **FESTIVAL OF THEOLOGY AND REUNION:** “The Global Church: Implications for Mission and Ministry.” Discover what the old-line, mainline churches of Europe and North America can learn from the flourishing unity and diversity found in churches around the world. Speakers include: Allan Boesak, Kathryn L. Johnson, and Clifton Kirkpatrick. Louisville Seminary, 1044 Alta Vista Road. Pre-registration required. For more information, visit www.lpts.edu or call 992-9358.

Apr 26 (Mon) **FOURTH MONDAY FORUM** sponsored by the Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression. For details, call Katrina Byrnes at 778-8130 or email kyall@insightbb.com.

Apr 26 (Mon) **F.O.R. STEERING COMMITTEE.** Presbyterian Seminary, 1044 Alta Vista Road. Every fourth Monday. Visitors encouraged. Call Dennis Bricking, 298-0590, or Phil Schervish, 558-7175.

Apr 29 (Thurs) **FORsooth LABELING** at Beverley Marmion’s, 6:30 PM. We need you for one hour! Please stop by and socialize while your fingers do the work. Bouquets to those who do this important work every month! Call 451-5658.

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Regular Meeting Times for Area Organizations

ADDICTION RECOVERY ADVOCATES OF KENTUCKIANA – 2nd Thursday (485-1248)

AIDS INTERFAITH MINISTRIES (AIM) OF KENTUCKIANA, INC. – 1st Tuesday (574-6085 or 574-6086)

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

AMERICANS UNITED FOR SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE – 3rd Thursday, every other month at noon (608-7517)

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL – 1st Saturday (637-8951)

APPAP [AMERICAN PALESTINE PUBLIC AFFAIRS FORUM] – 2nd Thursday (895-8155)

BREAD FOR THE WORLD – Last Monday (239-4317)

CAPA [CITIZENS AGAINST POLICE ABUSE] – 2nd Thursday (778-8130)

CART [COALITION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION] – 3rd Wednesday, 1578 Bardstown Road (895-5172)

CLOUT [CITIZENS OF LOUISVILLE ORGANIZED AND WORKING TOGETHER] – (583-1267)

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

COMMON CAUSE – Ad hoc discussions. Continuous engagement. (454-7797)

COMMUNIST PARTY USA – First Sunday at 2:00 PM (384-3875)

COMMUNITY FARM ALLIANCE OF JEFFERSON COUNTY – 2nd Tuesday (775-4041)

CONVERSATION CAFE – Wednesday evenings (560-0085)

COUNTER RECRUITMENT, “Aim Higher” – Second Sunday (893-2334)

EARTH SAVE LOUISVILLE – 2nd Saturday (299-9520) www.LouisvilleEarthSave.org

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

FDR/LINCOLN LEGACY CLUB – 1st Thursday, papajohn15@bellsouth.net

FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION – 4th Monday (558-7175 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)

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

IRFI [ISLAMIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL, INC.] – Sundays at 6:00 PM (502-423-1988)

JOBS WITH JUSTICE KENTUCKY (582-5454)

JURISDICTIONARY CLUB OF LOUISVILLE – Know the law and how to use it (500-8161)

JUSTICE RESOURCE CENTER – (345-5386)

KFTC [KENTUCKIANS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH] – 2nd Monday (589-3188)

KITOD [KENTUCKIANA INTERFAITH TASKFORCE ON DARFUR] – (553-6172)

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 – (245-2272)

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

LOUISVILLE PEAK OIL GROUP – 2nd Saturday (425-6645)

LPAC [LOUISVILLE PEACE ACTION COMMUNITY] – (456-6914)

LOUISVILLE WOMEN CHURCH – Meditation every Sunday (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)

MIGHTY KINDNESS – mightykindness@gmail.com (235-0711)

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)

RCRC [RELIGIOUS COALITION FOR REPRODUCTIVE CHOICE] – (866-606-0988)

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

911 TRUTH LOUISVILLE (502-609-6020)

US DEPARTMENT OF PEACE CAMPAIGN OF KY – 3rd Sunday (472-1772)

WOMEN IN TRANSITION (WIT) – every Wednesday, 6-8 PM (636-0160)

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.