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Gardens, gay rights bloom in Cuba, area brigade says

by Eustace Durrett
and Ike M. Thacker IV

One of the greatest cultural shocks members of the Henry Wallace Brigade experienced during their trip to Cuba in December was the total absence of supermarkets.

Instead, there were about 80 organic farms in and around the Havana. Customers went directly to the farm where the food is produced, said members of the brigade, named for the Louisville revolutionary and farmer who died last year.

Pleasing though the organic farms were, they came into being due to two unhappy factors for Cubans: the 45-year-old U.S. trade embargo and the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991. As a result of these developments, brigade members said, there were no pesticides or fuel available to grow or transport food from rural Cuba to villages and cities.

Hence, the organic farms — an environmentalist's dream come true.

Gay rights - like Cuban agriculture - also has struggled to grow, but, likewise, is doing much better today, brigade members said during their talk in January at Central Presbyterian Church in Louisville.

Members said vehement homophobia and discrimination against gays were present at all levels of Cuban society — including the Marxist-Leninist government — until the mid 1990s, when a joint Cuban, Mexican and Spanish movie called *Strawberry and Chocolate* about gay life in Cuba premiered in 1994 and helped bring about broader rights for gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered people.

Since then, members said, the government of Fidel Castro has reversed many anti-gay stances.

The 23-member brigade formed after the death of Wallace, a friend of Fidel Castro and a one-time Havana-desk bureau chief for *Time* magazine, who died a nonagenarian at his farm in Louisville. Also at the January program, members said:

- Health care, education, and housing are all provided to Cubans without cost by the government. There is an emphasis on holistic medicine, and Cuba is ranked No. 1 in the world in alternative medicine.

While there is much merit in both, this does not exclude standard western medi-

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Pleas for peace

— photo by Eddie Davis

Protestors in Louisville recently call for an end to the Israeli occupation of Palestine. The occupation and the continued U.S. war in Iraq will be the main points of a demonstration in Washington, D.C. March 17. For more information, go to pcunity@yahoo.com or call (502) 456-6586.

Coyte: transportation, peace, justice ‘joined at the hip’

by George Morrison
FORsooth editor

The route to peace and justice is a train or bus route, a transportation policy advocate told the Louisville FOR's Third Thursday Lunch.

David Coyte, president of the Coalition for the Advancement of Regional Transportation, said Feb. 15 that one-third of carbon dioxide emissions in the U.S. come from oil-based transportation.

“Global warming and transportation — because of the oil that’s consumed — are joined at the hip,” Coyte said. “Our solutions have to be joined at the hip, as well.”

Rail transit is more efficient, he added, and is a way to reduce pollution and curb the rise in world temperatures.

“Global warming has the potential of displacing probably two-thirds of the world’s population, which are living on coastal areas or islands just several feet above the sea level,” Coyte said.

Literature Coyte distributed at the lunch said automobile transit requires six to 10 times as much energy to move people and goods as rail. Maintaining the interstate

highway system is almost 50 times as expensive as an equal-capacity rail system, and rail investment produces more permanent jobs than highway construction, the materials said.

Rail also could help the poor, who spend 13 percent of their family budget, on average, on transportation, Coyte said.

“They’re spending money on gas or on

has largely been geared to defend the pipeline of imported oil.

“We import about two-thirds of our oil and that is probably the driving force of U.S. foreign policy over the last 60 to 75 years,” he said. Coyte added that defending oil has led the U.S. to take many actions, such as wars and coups against democratic governments, which contradict the nation’s

Turning the Louisville-area’s mass transit system, Coyte said the Transit Authority of River City (TARC) bus system has seen ridership jump since gasoline prices have surged in the last two years, but TARC’s fuel costs have risen, too, while government support has hasn’t kept pace, resulting in TARC cutting some routes.

“Their costs have gone up so much that they’ve had to... cut back service just when demand is up,” he said.

Coyte said evidence that passenger rail service is less costly lies in freight industry trends, where trains are more popular than trucks.

“Right now the rail system is at capacity because anybody that can ship on rail will, because it’s so much cheaper.”

Mary Karen Powers, director of the University of Louisville Women’s Center, will discuss the interaction between gender and race at the March 15 Third Thursday Lunch. Reservations are required by March 13. The lunch costs \$7. For more information, call Polly Johnson at (502) 473-8435 or Mary Ann Lambert at (502) 425-3844.

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trying to keep an old car running in lieu of something else they may need. To me, that’s where the justice issue comes in,” Coyte said, explaining that expanded mass transit could reduce the squeeze on the budgets of low- and moderate-income people.

Coyte said the nation’s foreign policy

expressed national beliefs in freedom and rule of law.

Coyte said that while rail transit is costly, it would relieve financial strains on almost every state caused by the declining state of highway infrastructure and rising road repair and maintenance costs.



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As high court ruling looms, integration seen as crucial

by Ike M. Thacker IV
and Eustace Durrett

As the teams of lawyers in \$500 suits from Louisville and Seattle, along with the hundreds of *amicus curiae* groups, prepared their cases for the Dec. 4 hearing by a newly ever-more-conservative U.S. Supreme Court concerning nothing less than whether or not the U.S. public education system is to return to the “separate but equal” days of the nineteenth century and *Plessy v. Ferguson*, the Louisville chapter of the NAACP and its head, Raoul Cunningham, were the hosts of a conference on Sep. 6 to 8 in Louisville.

The gathering’s central message can be stated by substituting the word “is” for the colon in its title, which was, “School Desegregation: The Great Issue of Our Past, Present, and Future.”

The conference also was held to “recognize 50 years of desegregation in Louisville public schools,” but Cunningham recognized the elephant in the living room explicitly in his opening remarks; Louisville’s outgoing school superintendent did as well, noting that Louisville has voluntarily *kept* desegregation as a goal in its school-assignment system — unlike most other large school systems across the U.S.

Louisville mayor Jerry Abramson noted that 84 percent of surveyed parents in Louisville *liked* the resultant school system.

But the main presenter at this first session was a Dr. Vanessa S. Walker — Harvard-educated, well-published and often covered by the media — from Emory University. Dr. Walker was very serious-minded and got quickly to the weighty issues with which her presentation dealt.

Her talk dealt mostly with the *history* of the yearning for greater educational achievement by U.S. blacks, and began by pointing out that the old black “separate” schools tried much harder to excel than

whites had expected, despite resource and other inequities, pushing up *hard* against the downward push of society even before *Brown v. Board of Education*.

To support this idea, she documented as far back as 1878 some “mechanisms of advocacy,” organizational structures that were used by, especially, black teachers to push for more funding, higher salaries, longer hours, etc. They used these structures and mechanisms to avoid fighting the system as individuals who could be fired; often it was the teachers who recruited plaintiffs for lawsuits.

Walker documented this push all the way from 1878 to about 1970, when things got a bit better — partly, she said, because the black intellectuals of the day supported

that past (one is that the battle is far from over: one-third of black kids today, said Dr. Walker, are being taught by teachers outside their fields! No wonder the low scores.). She says that there has been a real retrenchment in U.S. education in recent years: we are already back to 1906, and could be knocked back a century or more if the Louisville and Seattle cases are decided adversely. If this happens, we will *really* be in trouble, since the “mechanisms of advocacy,” the old black teachers’ associations etc., no longer exist. For this and a multitude of other reasons, as the Emory professor concluded, there is a true moral imperative to do something.

At the first break-out session, which followed Dr. Walker’s presentation, one of

Speakers noted a survey in 2000 in which 82 percent of parents in Metro Louisville agreed that busing was beneficial, along with another wherein 80 percent of 1,997 graduates in 2002 agreed that busing helped prepare them for life “in the real world.”

the campaign, which, sadly, today by and large they do not, she added.

Walker went on to point out that black teachers, though this is little known, had and have a vision of true *integration* (as distinct from mere desegregation) in schools that has never been realized. One can surmise that such an idealism was needed in a situation where, as Dr. Walker avers, at least 31,000 teachers were fired or demoted during desegregation and one was never sure whether there would be a burning cross in one’s yard at any given time, if one fought “the system.”

Walker concluded her speech about the past with some lessons she believes we can learn for the present and future from

the choices was a session on the “escalating global gap” in educational achievement, which made the main point that after fourth grade, U.S. students regardless of race are doing quite poorly compared to the rest of the world: “we” are falling behind, so blacks must set their *own* goals.

After lunch came another break-out session, one on “The Ever-Changing Era of School Desegregation,” presented by Dr. LaDita Howard-Hobbs. This session began with a brief look back to the past (Carter G. Woodson, who started Black History Month; Dr. W.E.B. Dubois [1868-1963], perhaps the 20th century’s greatest black intellectual; the abolitionist orator Frederick Douglass; the advent of Liberia; and the election of still-record numbers of blacks in the South during Reconstruction).

It continued with a survey of some more recent trends and personages (Asa Hilliard; Dr. Cornel West; John Hope Franklin; Paul Robeson; and a “desegregation timeline” from 1955 to 2006; etc.) and went on to talk about the current situation — in which the Jefferson County Public Schools, as the 26th largest school district in the nation, serves 97,600 students, or one-seventh of all Kentucky students and one-half of the commonwealth’s African-American students.

Speakers noted a survey in 2000 in which 82 percent of parents in Metro Louisville agreed that busing was beneficial, along with another wherein 80 percent of graduates in 2002 agreed that busing helped prepare them for life “in the real world.” Howard-Hobbs concluded with the observation that, since 83 percent of black families are single-parent, it really does “take a village” for kids to learn about the world — but today, re-segregation is the rule.

The presentation at breakfast the next morning, which followed a late-afternoon panel discussion of “Teaching Then and Now,” the highlight of which was the fact that by age 24, 75 percent of people from the upper classes versus only nine percent of the lowest income group, have at least a bachelor’s degree, was by Dr. Lucian Yates.

It was called, after a song title, “What’s Going On,” and explored its stated topic with verve and perspicacity. There are, said Yates, *fewer* black teachers in the U.S. today than there were in 1954: the student population is getting blacker and blacker, while teachers are becoming ever whiter.

Dr. Yates, switching to higher education, also pointed out that 77 percent of black students at the University of Kentucky have to take at least one remedial class. That, she said, is twice the percentage of blacks at UK who graduate within even six years (38 percent). This is less surprising, perhaps, when one realizes that 54 percent of *all* students at UK require at

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Single payer health wins Kentucky house backing

A single payer health insurance program for all Americans gained momentum Feb. 7 when the Kentucky House of Representatives voted unanimously on a voice vote for a resolution urging Congress to create such a government-funded, privately delivered system.

Kentuckians for Single Payer Health Care said in a news release that the Feb. 7 vote directs the state house clerk to send a copy of the measure, called House Resolution 81, to Kentucky’s congressional delegation.

The news release said Kentucky is the first state to approve such a resolution. State Rep. Joni Jenkins of Louisville introduced H.R. 81, the release said.

“In the 2006 session, a similar resolution was reported favorably out of the Health and Welfare Committee — with bipartisan support. Seventeen legislators

joined Rep. Jenkins as co-sponsors, but the resolution did not come before the full House for a vote,” the release said. “In Kentucky, approximately 582,000 people lack health insurance, and the state has raised fees in its Medicaid program despite making extensive overall cuts in benefits. Resolution 81 cites a 2003 Harvard University study which found that the state spent roughly \$4 billion on unnecessary bureaucracy, an amount more than enough to provide coverage to all of Kentucky’s uninsured and to improve care for those now covered.”

The full text of House Resolution 81 is on line at www.lrc.ky.gov/record/07RS/HR81.htm.

For more information, contact Kentuckians for Single Payer Health Care organizer Kay Tillow at (502) 636-1551.

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Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid

reviewed by George Morrison

Call it The Color Purple effect. Alice Walker's celebrated novel brought cries of anti-male bias for portraying all black males as brutal, heartless or buffoonish. There was just one problem in that assessment, Walker has pointed out many times: The Color Purple did no such thing.

The book showed many black males in a favorable light, but many of the critics possibly didn't read the book, instead acting on the harried summaries communicated over radio talk shows.

Such is the nature of the firestorm over President Carter's book about the Israeli-Arab conflict. The blogs and talk shows again are skewering a book for bias, this time an anti-Israeli slant, a complaint that indicates the critics - like many who complained about *The Color Purple* — haven't read the book, which includes this in the first chapter:

“Some Palestinians have responded to political and military occupation by launching terrorist attacks against Israeli civilians, a course of action that is both morally reprehensible and politically counterproductive. These dastardly acts have brought widespread condemnation and discredit on the entire Palestinian community - and are almost suicidal for the Palestinian cause.”

In chapter seven, Carter summarizes over three pages complaints by Palestinian officials that their basic human rights have been violated by the occupation, then immediately seeks out responses by Israeli officials and U.S. diplomats in Israel.

The American Friends Service Committee has nominated two groups of Colombians for the Nobel Peace Prize, both of whom are standing nonviolently against the nation's civil war.

The Quaker humanitarian service organization has nominated the Peace Community of San José de Apartadó and the Association of Indigenous Townships of Northern Cauca because they “have responded both creatively and nonviolently to avoid becoming enmeshed in the crisis while protecting their communities and their land,” a national FOR news release said.

“San José de Apartadó declared itself a peace community in 1997. Residents of the 1,300-member rural community pledged not to engage in war, either directly or indirectly, and to look for peaceful and negotiated solutions to the conflict. This declaration caused the armed groups to declare San José de Apartadó as aiding the ‘enemy,’ “ the release said.

The FOR also called for calls and letters to members of Congress urging them to change the course of U.S. policy in Colombia from one that gives a blank check to the Colombian armed forces to one that stands up for human rights and non-military aid.

The FOR awarded its annual Pfeffer International Peace Prize to San José de Apartadó in 1998 to honor its courageous nonviolent stand. At the request of the community, in 2002 FOR began providing permanent human rights accompaniment in San José de Apartadó.

(Could it be that what infuriates many supporters of Israel and the U.S. foreign policy set in general is that a person of such stature as a former U.S. president would combine frequently heard criticisms of the Palestinian movement with criticism of Israeli behavior and policies - instead of the usual kid-glove treatment of a U.S. Ally?)

Peace, Carter wrote, “will not be possible unless Israel accepts the terms of the Roadmap and reverses its colonizing the internationally recognized Palestinian territory, and unless the Palestinians respond by accepting Israel’s right to exist, free of violence.”

Carter says that “imprisonment wall” would be a more accurate description than the Israeli term “security fence” for the wall being built, in some cases right through property in the West Bank, including cutting parishioners from their Christian church in Jerusalem.

Carter wrote that the church members could not obtain permits from Israel

allowing them to cross the wall

“For 900 years,” the priest, Rev. Caludio Ghilardi, told Carter, “we have lived here under Turkish, British, Jordanian and Israeli governments, and no one has ever stopped people coming to pray. It is scandalous.”

Palestinians, the president added, often face waits of many hours at Israeli checkpoints, causing some of their produce to spoil before they can take it to market.

Carter says something in this book that U.S. leaders have only mumbled softly

until now: that the Israeli settlements in the occupied territories are a prime impediment to a peaceful and just resolution of the Middle East conflict.

Concerning the democratic internal politics of Israel, Carter makes clear that the nature of the Jewish state's policy concerning these settlements changed abruptly in 1977, when the conservative

Likud Party ended 29 years of Labor Party dominance. Prime Minister Menachem Begin assumed an Israeli right to build permanent settlements in the occupied territories, Carter noted, even though a U.N. resolution - which Israel and the U.S. had voted for - forbade any such settlements, in the generic sense.

Again, however, the president holds the Palestinian side to accountability at several points, including a central thesis statement including the role of the United States, United Nations, Russia and the European Union — called the International Quartet, and its Roadmap for Peace:

“Although the initial proposals and timetable for the Roadmap for Peace have been largely ignored or abandoned, the statement on basic elements of a permanent two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict have been retained by the Quartet members, including an end of the occupation begun in 1967 and full commitment to the key U.N. Resolutions.

“The International Quartet realizes that Israel must have a lasting and comprehensive peace. This will not be possible unless Israel accepts the terms of the Roadmap and reverses its colonizing the internationally recognized Palestinian territory, and unless the Palestinians respond by accepting Israel’s right to exist, free of violence.”

What could be fairer or more balanced
that that?

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MARCH 17

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In Louisville, nation, ‘Lee’ and others see leaner times

The huge factory, on whose assembly line I spent a good part of my life, is shuttered. When I retired, in 1999, the lowest paid worker, after a probationary period and acceptance into the union, earned nearly \$22 per hour (raised, in the contract the following year, to \$25 per hour). This, plus overtime pay, provided unskilled and semi-skilled workers a middle-class lifestyle.

Many of us owned modest homes with fruit trees in the backyard, maybe a Winnebago trailer, maybe a poodle (skilled tradespeople — electricians, “fixers,” pipefitters, etc. — earned far more). The plant was well-integrated, so a middle-class lifestyle benefited African American and white workers alike (the skilled trades were mostly white).

When I accepted the “buyout offer,” (early retirement) I represented my union on the Greater Louisville Central Labor Council. Yet, even I did not know the factory would close a couple of years later. I was one of the relatively lucky workers, even though I had to accept a big cut in my pension in exchange for other benefits and inducements.

Then there was Lee, not his or her real name. Lee had neither the seniority to get a really good buyout, nor the age to begin drawing what she/he was eligible for — Lee will have to wait years for it.

Lee now supports a family as a supermarket bagger, earning far less than when we were on the assembly line together. There are just no jobs in Louisville, in large numbers, for Lee, or me.

I thought of Lee, and so many other co-workers, and myself, as I followed recent developments at Pfizer, Eastman Kodak, and Chrysler. Pfizer announced, in January, that it would lay off 7,800 workers and close several of its manufacturing and research-and-development facilities. It had announced, earlier, that it would cut the livelihoods of 2,200 employees. So, 10,000 workers will soon be out in the cold.

The New York Times reported Feb. 9 that Kodak “said it would cut 3,000 more jobs this year, on top of the 25,000 to 27,000 it had already said would be gone by the end of 2007. At that rate, Kodak will end the year with about 30,000 employees, half the number of just three years ago and a fraction of the 145,000 people it employed in 1988, when its brand was synonymous with photography.”

As if the devastation at Pfizer and Kodak were not enough, along comes “U.S.” automaker Chrysler on Feb. 14, saying it will eliminate 13,000 jobs in North

America. Its parent, DaimlerChrysler, left open the possibility of more layoffs, and maybe even getting rid of the Chrysler division entirely.

Pfizer, Chrysler and Kodak are not alone in throwing chunks of their workforces onto the unemployment lines. Their competitors have similar problems, and these competitors are also responding with job cutbacks.

Why are these companies treating their loyal employees in such a cold, vicious fashion? As regards Pfizer, The Times reported January 23: “Big-selling drugs introduced by the industry in the 1990s are now losing patent protection, opening them to generic



competition. At the same time the pharmaceutical companies have not been able to develop new products quickly enough pace to continue their rapid growth.”

Pfizer workers in such far-flung places as Brooklyn, New York, Omaha, Nebraska, and Germany, Japan and France will get the ax.

The Times story added: “The company said that in 2007 and 2008 it expected its revenues to be roughly comparable to the \$48.4 billion recorded in 2006. But with the cost cuts, it said, expected earnings would increase 6 percent to 9 percent in each of those years.” Some of the drugs it manufactures are running out of patent protection, others are of questionable value, and still others are facing fierce competition.

Turning to Eastman-Kodak, the

photographic film process is being replaced by digital imagery. Kodak has come out with new products, most recently a new inkjet printer. The Feb. 9 Times story said: “Kodak executives insist that the new cuts do not indicate any snags in the continuing struggle to transform itself from a film-based company into a major competitor in digital imagery. And analysts, too, say the cuts are inevitable, and probably healthy.”

Chrysler faced the same problems with product acceptance and cost-per-unit, in this

and Chrysler are problems faced by all companies. But what if — what if — we could take these laid-off and soon-to-be-laid-off workers and put them to work, as President Franklin D. Roosevelt did in the 1930s, building roads, art projects, dams, and so much more? Even better, what if we could create a system whereby there was just production for use, instead of for profit?

Until then, there will be a lot of broken human spirits, dysfunctional families and needless poverty.

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case: gas guzzlers that consumers weren’t buying, rising employee healthcare premiums, and more. Yet, although Chrysler lost almost \$1.5 billion last year, its DaimlerChrysler parent earned almost \$7.3 billion — and this factors the Chrysler losses into the mix! It hopes to reduce its production, mostly of SUV’s, by 40,000 vehicles.

The problems of automation, new technology, competition and unscientifically planned production faced by Pfizer, Kodak

Before we end, let’s give a shout-out of support to Josh Wolf, who refuses to turn over to a grand jury in San Francisco footage he took of a protest and clash between anarchists and police. When you receive this column Josh will have spent almost 200 days in prison. No other journalist, to my knowledge, has served a longer term for protecting freedom of the press.

Contact Ira Grupper at irag@iglou.com.



The Way of the Cross A Walk for Justice Good Friday April 6, 2007 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

All are warmly invited to participate in this prayerful, justice-oriented outdoor “Stations of the Cross” focusing on the suffering of Jesus as reflected in situations of oppression and suffering today. We begin this 11th annual event at Martin Luther King Park in front of the Mazzoli Federal Building (on the south side of Chestnut between 6th and 7th Streets), walk through the downtown area (about 1.5 miles) and conclude at Founders Square Park across the street from the Cathedral of the Assumption (on 5th between Muhammad Ali and Liberty).

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For more information contact Anne Walter at 583-6419 or David Horvath at 479-9262



May 4 is deadline for rights hall nominations

Kentuckians who made important contributions to civil rights can again be nominated for membership in the Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame.

The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights (KCHR) is accepting nominations until May 4 for the hall.

“After the nominations have been gathered, inductees will be chosen by a volunteer, independent panel. KCHR will hold the 2007 inductions in September, and this will be the fifth set of inductions since KCHR established the Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame during the state government agency’s 40th anniversary celebration in 2000,” the commission said in a news release.

Any Kentucky resident 18 or older may nominate a person for the Hall of Fame, the commission said, adding that eligible nominees are people who have:

- Provided exemplary leadership and achievement toward Kentucky’s progress in civil rights. Their efforts may pertain to civil rights regarding race, color, national origin, sex, religion, disability, age and family status - all of which are protected classes covered in the Kentucky Civil Rights Act.
- Advocated for civil rights through actions and deeds in Kentucky and served as role models and beacons in the struggle to eliminate discrimination, prejudice and barriers of equality in Kentucky.

The commission said nominated candidates may be either living or deceased; their contributions may cover a wide range of civil rights issues in present or past eras. Nominators are encouraged to nominate, again, any past nominee who has not yet been inducted and who meets the above criteria, the commission added.

Nomination forms are free and available to the public by calling the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights at (502) 595-4024 in Louisville or 1-800-292-5566 (ask for Adrienne Henderson). Or download the form from our website at www.kchr.ky.gov. Afterward, the nominator may mail in his or her supporting materials and documentation, the commission said.

Cuba brigade

cine, even though it is limited. The limitation is not in knowledge, but rather in the availability of medicines and medical devices. Even these are included in the embargo.

- Cuba deliberately produces more doctors than it needs domestically. Since the 1959 revolution, she has sent many thousands of doctors to 157 different countries. At present, multiple thousands of Cuban doctors are aiding the government and people of President Hugo Chavez’s Venezuela, performing cataract operations in Bolivia and other Latin American countries, and helping Pakistani earthquake victims, to name but a few of their missions.
- Sex education is considered essential for good health. It begins at age eight. Cuba has become pro-active in regards to avoiding HIV infection; the program to prevent it includes an extensive educational program, free distribution of condoms, and HIV testing as a normal part of routine medical examinations. Patented American AIDS drugs have been mimicked and sent to Africa. Cuba has kept HIV infection to a low level: 6,000 cases out of the 11 million population.



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- Under the travel ban law, the U.S. Treasury Department can fine an individual up to \$65,000 and harass them by interrogation, just for traversing the 90 miles of ocean between Florida and Cuba. The department has been inconsistent in enforcing the fine, charging some travelers, but not others. When asked about the potential per-person fine, a spokesperson for the group replied that if that happened, they would raise the money just as they had raised travel expenses — collectively — within the group and from supporters.
- The average Cuban is not concerned with any Castro successor, if one should be needed. They find it interesting that Americans make so much of Fidel’s sickness. They took brigade members to see four young women who are and will be further involved in Cuba’s foreign relations. It was pointed out that Cuban women have been empowered and hold many responsible positions throughout the government.

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



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Is an important documentary about Israel's brutal military occupation of Palestinian lands. This documentary, featuring interviews with several prominent Israeli peace activists, shows how Israel's military occupation not only is destroying, Palestinian society and economy, but Israel's soul as well; worse yet it is creating hatred for us and adversely affecting our prestige, security and vital economic interests.

It is an excellent tool with which to introduce people to the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict.

"People are happy with not knowing. It is convenient not to know but if you start to know what our unconditional US tax-dollars, diplomatic and military support to Israel is doing, you begin to be troubled and you start to react and say 'Not in my name.' In time, people will know and start to react and address solving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, equitably, constructively, and in the best interests of the US, Israel and Palestine

For Directions and further info, please call

**Bashar Masri
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Home 895-8150**



Integration (continued from page 2)

least one remedial class, but it still cause for much concern; the gap between rich and poor, and white and black, gets bigger the later you go in school.

So, what do we need (Yates emphasizes that we do not have real *integration* yet at all, *within schools*: advanced-placement and special-education classes, for example, tend to be highly segregated by race and income)? Four things, said Dr. Yates:

- High-quality teachers — with degrees in their teaching field, and education certification.
- Principals who lead — by firing bad teachers, etc.
- College prep curriculum for all students — to overcome the utter insanity of funneling “warty” kids (with problems) into remedial-type classes and “smart” ones into advanced ones and then wondering why we have a “gap.”
- Much more focus on equity and social justice.

Yates’s passionate and persuasive contentions were by and large borne out in detail by Dr. Beverly Moore in the next session, called simply, “Does Race Matter for Louisville Students’ Achievement?”

The conclusion of this presentation was simple: income and “giftedness” matter much more than “special ed” status or (particularly) race; in fact, by using multiple regression techniques, the latter is mostly insignificant.

“The rule of clout” was the star of the next presentation. Dr. Yates had said that Jefferson County was the most desegregated school district in the U.S.; Dr. Stephen K. Miller of U of L concurred, presenting statistics that indicate that in both elementary and middle schools, most of the differ-

ence in scores on KERA-mandated tests is demographically determined, before the teacher even starts teaching.

And, of course, the more “clout” (money, status, power, education, etc.) of the parents, the higher the scores for the kids.

The conference’s final speaker grew up as a member of the Ku tribe in Liberia; his name is Michael Wortorson, and he is now the NAACP’s National Director for Education. His rousing finale was both forceful and passionate; here, I will hit only some highlights.

First of all, Mr. Wortorson is very much against the “Prison Industrial Complex;” he noted that it costs more than twice as much (\$22,000 per year) to incarcerate a person as to educate him or her (\$10,000 per year). He went on to say that desegregation is needed even more today than it was in 1954, partly because under the current regime 7,000 kids in the U.S. drop out of school every day.

His theses can serve as a rallying point for all who would see our schools, where our children learn about the outside world, integrated and funded without regard to race or income: quality education is a fundamental right; it is being undermined by resource inequity; and these resource inequities *can* be fixed. It’s about time we did so; the Supreme Court could do the nation a very big favor in this regard by ruling in favor of voluntary desegregation plans that help so much in creating a truly color-blind society.

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

GROWING
DISSATISFACTION
WITH THE DEATH
PENALTY

(A report by George Edwards)

On February 9/10, Louisville was offered a grand opportunity to hear a major spokeswoman talk about her experience in working for death penalty abolition. **ANDREA LYON** of Chicago was sponsored by the **Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty**. She is a lawyer well seasoned in her work as a Public Defender. She now holds the position of Associate Clinical Professor of Law and Director of the DePaul University Center for Justice in Capital Cases.

We were able to view her documentary **“Race to Execution”** on Friday evening at the University of Louisville detailing her work in many cases of unjust verdicts which persuaded Illinois Governor **George Ryan** to commute the sentences of all those on death row in Illinois to a less severe penalty. In the film the governor is shown thanking Andrea Lyon personally and profusely for saving the lives and securing the freedom of seventeen wrongly convicted men through DNA testing. (Watch for this documentary to appear on PBS in the latter part of March.)

It is very encouraging that, earlier in the day, about 100 students and faculty were able to hear her speak at the UofL Brandeis School of Law on **“The Death Penalty Is a Political Tool.”** This is a tough topic cutting to the very roots of our criminal justice system. One might expect her remarks to come from just another war-weary veteran of courtroom combat. But the facts do not confirm that. She comes through as a person who uses extraordinary legal savvy in her reasoned abolitionist side while also discerning the grief, hope, and fear on the other side. She has the rare ability to listen, even to agree with an adversary “while you are on the way to the court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge” (Mt.5:25 NRSV).

Her speech on Saturday morning at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church was a model of mental acuity in showing how jury selection in capital cases is a crucial factor. In a state like Kentucky where, according to the testimony of this experienced, respected public defender, **“it happens all the time” that an all-white jury sits in capital cases where a black defendant, moneyless, tries to defend himself**, Lyon came up with practical suggestions (making use of drivers’ license and voter registration lists, publicising the need in black congregations and classrooms, etc.) for making the appeal to those who could become jurors.

KCADP leaders who brought Andrew Lyon to Louisville for these noteworthy events are to be applauded for arousing new energy at our annual meeting. While the current Kentucky legislature is in progress we have hope that death penalty bills will move forward now that Kathy Stein has acceded to the chair of the House Judiciary Committee.

COLOMBIANS IN CROSSFIRE
NOMINATED FOR NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

On February 7, 2007, the American Friends Service Committee nominated the FOR peace community of San Jose de Apartado for the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize. We provide excerpts from an e-mail sent by Joe DeRaymond who has spent seven months as a volunteer with the FOR Colombia Peace Presence in San Jose.

Congratulations to **Erik Reinhart-Vidal** and the **FOR TASK FORCE ON LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (TFLAC)** for their pioneering work in getting this effort started in 1997. Who can forget the snapshot of Erik riding into the community on horseback with the delegation that made arrangements to provide volunteers to accompany the small civilian population that refuses to take up arms in the civil war. Our Louisville FOR chapter continues to contribute financially.

The combat that rages around them is designed to move them off their land, to make room for exploitation and flat-out theft of their resources. They are a small farming community that refuses to join the estimated 2.5 million internal refugees of Colombia. They have resisted with imagination and courage, and many have died.

If you haven’t seen the Institute for Policy Studies’ slideshow on the internally displaced persons in Colombia, take a look!
<http://www.lawg.org/IDPs/>

Our readers are urged to send a tax deductible contribution at this time to: TFLAC, 2017 Mission St, #305, San Francisco, CA 94110

IMPEACH07
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The impeachment movement is **uniting and expanding**. Democrats.com is joining with many other organizations to launch Impeach07, a coordinated series of nationwide actions aimed at impeaching Bush and Cheney through widespread public protest, creative dissent, media activism, education, and lobbying. Please read the scheduled plan of actions: <http://www.impeach07.org>



Bush and Cheney have misled this nation into an aggressive war, spied in open violation of the law, and sanctioned the use of torture — among numerous other offenses. Newsweek reported in October that a majority of Americans favor impeachment, and in January that 58% said they wished the Bush administration were over.

“Only a great popular upheaval,” historian Howard Zinn said recently, “ can push both Republicans and Democrats into compliance with the national will.”

We need to end the Iraq War and prevent an Iran War, and impeachment is the way we will do it.

“If reacting to terrorist attacks by war is inevitably immoral, then we must look for ways other than war to end terrorism, including the terrorism of war. Military retaliation for terrorism is not only immoral but futile.”

— Howard Zinn, professor emeritus, Boston University.

TAX SEASON IS UPON US

Those 1040 booklets have arrived in the mail, and the rush to the April 16 deadline is on. Again we must face squarely how our tax dollars are paying for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

We see the costs of war mounting, human and monetary — over 3,000 Iraqis killed each month; over 3,000 US soldiers killed since the invasion; over \$6 billion a month for war in Iraq and Afghanistan.


Most of our readers are angry about paying for war but they might not have heard about people who refuse to pay as a protest to these wars and to ongoing military spending that will fund the next war. There are thousands of conscientious objectors to war taxes in the US and around the world. There is help available for concerned individuals who wish to study the issue and consider their options.

THE NATIONAL WAR TAX RESISTANCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE publishes a monthly newsletter that is inspirational and informative. Moreover they have leafleting and tabling materials for tax day protests. See the website (www.nwttrcc.org/publications.htm) for a full list, or call for a copy of the resource list 1/800/269-7464, or e-mail: nwttrcc@nwttrcc

Most of all, participate in a WAR TAX PROTEST ON TAX DAY. We must make it clear to the Bush administration that we oppose our taxes being used to pay for these wars.

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Third Thursday Lunches

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FEBRUARY-APRIL, 2007

March 15th

Interactions of Gender and Race: Heroic Struggle, Political Expediency and Moral Conviction in the Movement for US Women's Suffrage

In celebration of Women's History Month, Mary Karen Powers, Director, U of L Women's Center, will discuss the interaction of gender and race. This issue was difficult for some suffragists of the 19th Century, who accepted racial segregation as a necessary cost to win southern support for passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution. The issue remains a challenging one for activists committed to social change in the 21st Century.

April 19th

Cuba: Revolution in Motion

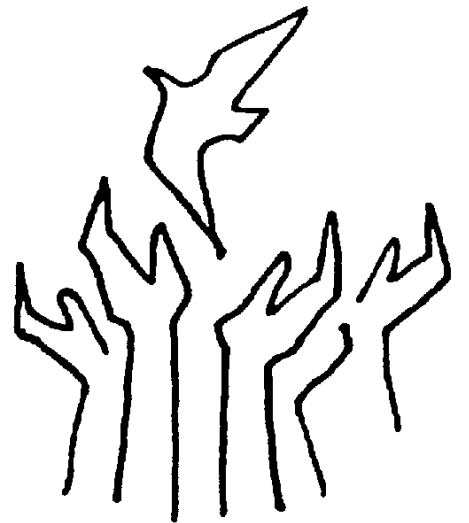
Representatives of the "Henry Wallace Brigade", (23 people who visited Cuba in December, 2006) will discuss the dynamic progress in Cuba around issues of racism, homophobia and community building. They will share how Cubans are dealing with issues that concern us all.

Please note: The Rudyard Kipling Continues to Welcome Us for These Luncheons!

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Calendar for peacemakers

March 1 -10 **FROM KENTUCKY TO CUBA AND BACK!**
Photo show of the recent Henry Wallace Brigade that traveled to Cuba in December 2006 in honor of the late Henry Wallace, journalist, photographer, social justice activist and admirer of the Cuban Revolution. Swanson’s Gallery, 638 E. Market. (558-3568) Videos about Cuba will be running downstairs at the Gallery during open hours. Gallery is closed on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday. (589-5466) For more details, call the Henry Wallace Brigade, 558-3568.

Mar 4 (Sun) **VIGIL FOR PEACE** every first Sunday evening remembering all those suffering from conflicts in the Middle East. Bring a candle. Bardstown Road at Douglass Blvd. 7:00-8:00 pm, sponsored by **LPAC** (Louisville Peace Action Community). Call Judy Munro-Leighton, 456-6914.

March 8 (Thu) **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY, recognizing the pressing needs of women around the world. A 30 minute service of silence and intercessory prayer is planned at James Lees Presbyterian Church, 1741 Frankfort Avenue. (896-0172) The First Baptist Church Eastwood, 16122 Eastwood Cut-off Road, will have a liturgical worship at 7:00 pm.**

“WE STAND WITH THE WOMEN OF THE WORLD,” another event to mark International Women’s Day will be held at the Americana Center, 4801 Southside Drive. Rally begins at 5:30 pm. Entertainment will include the Sudanese Community of Kentucky, Caminos Cultural Arts, River City Drum Corps and the Troubadours of Divine Bliss. Guests may participate in building a **“Women’s Wall of Achievement”** with artist Gwendolyn Kelly. Also a **Speakout** is planned and a chance to send IWD messages to women in Afghanistan, Iraq and Iran. Free. Call 852-2663.

Mar 8 (Thu) **AMERICAN PALESTINE PUBLIC AFFAIRS FORUM (APPAF).** Every second Thursday at the League of Women Voters Bldg, 115 S Ewing (off Frankfort Ave). 7:30 pm. The video this month is **“BEYOND THE MIRAGE: The Face of the Israeli Occupation.”** Call Bashar Masri, 895-8155.

Mar 9 (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.

Mar 9 (Fri) **Kentucky Witness for Peace Delegation Report Back from Venezuela.** Sponsored by the Kentucky Alliance at the Carl Braden Memorial Center, 3208 W Broadway. 6:00 pm. Call Amy Shelton, 502/424-3444. *amyshelton@gmail.com*

Mar 9 (Fri) **AN EVENING OF FUN, FOOD AND CONVERSATION**, hosted by the Center for Faith and Action, planned by Jan Pfeifer and Mark Steiner. John Gage will lead in community-building, music, and frivolity. Food provided by Rebecca Martin. 6.00-9:00. James Lees Presbyterian Church, 1741 Frankfort Ave. (896-0172) *oneglenda@yahoo.com*

Mar 10 (Sat) **THE SATURDAY ACADEMY** (Every Saturday through May 19), DuValle Education Center, 3610 Bohne Avenue, 11:00 am — 2:00 pm. Dr. Blaine Hudson leads the seminar on “The African World/Black History,” exploring the histories & cultures of Africa, the Caribbean, Brazil, Latin America and Black America, followed by interest groups and community presentations on a broad range of topics with guest presenters. Registration not required. Drop-ins welcome. No fee. Call Bani Hines-Hudson, 852-5506. *bhineshudson@yahoo.com*

Mar 11 (Sun) **“SOUL SEARCHING: THE JOURNEY OF THOMAS MERTON,”** Documentary by Morgan Atkinson. Christ Church Episcopal Cathedral, 421 S 2nd St, 3:00 pm. Atkinson, along with composer Richard Sisto will be present to answer questions. The film focuses on the spiritual evolution of Merton, the Trappist monk who lived at the Abbey of Gethsemani near Bardstown, Ky, until his death in 1968. Free. Contributions welcomed. Contact Atkinson, 637-7840. *mocoat@bellsouth.net*

Mar 11 (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 high school students to “opt out” of having their names given to recruiters. Call Chris Harmer, 893-2334. *charmer@ch2m.com*

Mar 14 (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.

Mar 15 (Thu) **THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH** sponsored by the **Fellowship of Reconciliation, celebrating Women’s History Month**, featuring **MARY KAREN POWERS**, Director, UofL Women’s Center, discussing the interaction of gender and race as related to the movement for **US Women’s Suffrage** and the passage of the **19th Amendment**. Rudyard Kipling Restaurant, 422 W Oak St. Buffet lunch, \$7, begins at 11:30. Presentation at noon. Reservations required. Call Polly Johnson, 473-8435 or Mary Ann Lambert, 425-3844.

Mar 15 (Thu) **SINGLE PAYER HEALTH CARE**, every third Thursday, 5:30 pm. Main library, 4th & York Sts, Board Room, Mezanine. Call Kay Tillow, 636-1551.

Mar 15 (Thu) **LPAC (Louisville Peace Action Community)** every third Thursday evening. Douglass Blvd Christian Church, 7:00 pm. Call Judy Munro-Leighton, 456-6914, or Ellen Schagene, 451-6392. *www.louisvillepeace.org* E-mail: *pcunity@yahoo.com*

Mar 15/16 (FS) **A WEEKEND WITH Author BYRON KATIE** as she gives us the questions to look at ALL of our thoughts. Walk away, forever changed. Friday evening, 6-9, \$35. Saturday, “Doing the Work with Katie, 9-5, \$75. Lunch available. 757 South Brook St. at UNITY OF LOUISVILLE CHURCH. Register online: *www.unityoflouisville.org/katie*. For more information call Martha Creek at 502-905-0783. e-mail: *marthacreek@yahoo.com*. See also the work.com Book signing at Barnes & Nobles at the Summit, Friday, 3 to 5.

March 17-19 (SSM) MASSIVE RALLY IN WASHINGTON, DC, anniversary of the beginning of the Iraq War, CALLING FOR AN END TO THE WAR. Buses will leave on Friday at 10:00 pm from the Executive Inn West and return immediately after the march. Call Pat Geier, 456-6586.

March 18 (Sun) **COMMITTEE FOR ISRAELI/PALESTINIAN STATES.** (Every third Sunday) First Unitarian Church, 4th & York Sts., 3:00 pm. Call Beverley Marmion, 451-5658.

March 18 (Sun) **CONCERT FOR CONTEMPLATION with HARRY PICKENS**, internationally known pianist. Harry says this will be a kind of esotonic yoga which taps the power of music to help you slow down, relax and deepen your conscious connection with the source of Peace within. 7:30 pm. at James Lees Presbyterian Church, 1741 Frankfort Ave, at William St. Call 896-0172. **RSVP by Friday, March 2.** *oneglenda@yahoo.com*

Mar 19 (Mon) **DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL ISSUE OF FORsooth.** Contact **George Morrison, editor**, 944-6460, E-mail: *klm86@netzero.com* Note: For calendar listings, contact **Jean Edwards**, 458-8056. E-mail: *edwardsfor@bellsouth.net*

Mar 20 (Tue) **BOB WOODWARD, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist**, will deliver the Wyatt Lecture at Bellarmine University, Knight’s Hall, 7:00 pm. (Seating begins at 6:00) Free. Followed by book signing of his new book *State of Denial*, about the Bush administration. Woodward is best known for helping to uncover the Watergate scandal during the Nixon administration which led to prison sentences for several White House staff members and the resignation of President Nixon.

Mar 21 (Wed) **SEXUAL ASSAULT OF MEN.** This training will address the issues of men who are sexually assaulted and the best ways to support them. Presented by Rus Ervin Funk, MSW. \$60. (CEUs provided for social workers and nurses) Location to be determined. To register, contact Shawnise Miller at *smmart01@louisville.edu* **For more information, contact Rus Funk at rus@rusfunk.com** (502/494-9044)

Mar 23 (Fri) **PIZZA & A MOVIE:** “Inherit the Wind.” (Every fourth Friday) at James Lees Presbyterian Church. Sponsored by Interfaith Paths to Peace. 6:00 pm. Free. Donation suggested for pizza. Call Terry Taylor, 214-7322. *tatduende2@yahoo.com*

Mar 26 (Mon) **F.O.R. STEERING COMMITTEE** (every 4th Monday). Presbyterian Seminary, 1044 Alta Vista Road, Nelson Hall, #10, 7:30 pm. Visitors welcome. Call Phil Schervish, 451-6638, or Dennis Bricking, 895-8516.

Mar 27 (Tue) **KCADP (Ky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty)** every last Tuesday. Highland Presbyterian Church, 1011 Cherokee Rd, 6:30 pm. Call Kaye Gallagher, 721 -8885 or Mark Meade, 541 9998. *kcadp@earthlink.net*

March 29 (Thu) **FORsooth LABELING, at Beverley Marmion’s. 6:30 pm.** All hands are needed for this important work. It’s fun too! Call Beverley, 451-5658.

April 4 (Wed) **GRAND OPENING of the UofL’s Anne Braden Institute for Social Justice Research. Presentation of the First Annual Anne Braden Memorial Lecture by JULIAN BOND: “2007 — A RACE ODYSSEY.”** Free lecture at the Brown and Williamson Club, Cardinal Stadium. 5:30 pm. Reception follows. Call Cate Fosl, 291-3824.

April 6 (Good Friday) **THE WAY OF THE CROSS — A WALK FOR JUSTICE.** Everyone is invited to participate in this prayerful, justice-oriented “Stations of the Cross” throughout downtown focusing on the suffering of Jesus in our midst today. 9:30-11:30 am, beginning at the Mazzoli Federal Building, 7th & Chestnut. Walk concludes at Founders Square Park, 5th & Muhammad Ali Blvd. Call Anne Walter, 5836419.

April 29 (Sun) **“THE NARROW PATH,”** World Premier documentary about the life and witness of John Dear, SJ. A film on peace and nonviolence, with special guest, John Dear, SJ. Bellarmine University, Cralle Theater, 3:00 pm. Contact Dr. Paul Pearson, (502/452-8177). *pmpearson@bellarmine.edu*

May 25-29 (TFSSM) **BEATLES TRIBUTE FESTIVAL “Abbey Road on the River,”** with bands and merchandise. Memorial Day Weekend. Riverfront Plaza/Belvedere/Galt House, \$220. One-day tickets also available. Call 216-378-1980. *www.abbeyroadontheriver.com*

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)

APPAF (American Palestine Public Affairs Forum) – 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 – First Sunday at 5:00 PM (409-8706)

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

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 (582-5454)

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

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

KY AIDS LIFE ALLIANCE (KALA) – Every Thursday (479-7884)

KY ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIST & POLITICAL REPRESSION – 3rd Monday (778-8130)

KY COALITION TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY – Last Tuesday (541-9998)

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

KY RAINBOW/PUSH COALITION – (774-4000)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SHADHULIYYAH SUFI SPIRITUALITY GROUP – (637-5010)

SINGLE WOMEN’S GROUP – 3rd Sunday (812-866-1667)

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Note: If your group would like to be added to this list or if information needs to be updated, please let us know by calling 458-8056.