

# FORsooth

## The Rosa Parks of peace coming to city

by George Morrison  
FORsooth editor

The California woman who turned a profound family tragedy into a cause for internationally celebrated anti-war activism will speak Sept. 8 to 11 in Louisville.

Cindy Sheehan, whose son Casey's death in the Iraq War in 2004 transformed her from traditional mother and one-time youth minister in her Vacaville, Calif. church to fervent activist, will speak and sign books at colleges, a coffee house and the Braden Center.

"Cindy's appearance here will, hopefully, revitalize the peace movement here in Louisville, which has kind of gone to sleep for a while," said Nancy Jakubiak, one of the organizers of Sheehan's tour. She explained that the new administration's overall continuity with Bush military policies has demoralized activists. "We had so much hope for Obama and now... we're not any better off than we were this time last year.

"I also think Cindy's going to make clear those connections between a lack of funding for domestic things such as health care and where all our money is getting lost in the war machine," Jakubiak said.

Sheehan, often portrayed as a single-issue activist by mainstream media, in fact ran on a broad platform last year for U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's seat. The web encyclopedia Wikipedia said her stances included backing single-payer health care, overturning all free trade



Cindy Sheehan

agreements, ending torture, repealing the Patriot Act, developing renewable energy, nationalizing oil and electricity, ending the war on drugs, legalizing cannabis and ensuring that talks in the Middle East are fair to all parties.

Sheehan helped create "Camp Casey" outside former President George W. Bush's Crawford, Tex. ranch, which drew hundreds of peace protestors. She and others delivered letters to First Lady Laura Bush and sought a meeting with the president.

Sheehan, who along with other parents of soldiers had met with the commander in

chief in 2004, said during the encampment that if granted a second meeting, she would ask Bush: "Just what was the noble cause Casey died for?" Was it freedom and democracy...? He died for oil. He died to make your friends richer. He died to expand American imperialism in the Middle East."

Sheehan later denied that she sent an e-mail attributed to her claiming Casey had died "to benefit Israel." Sheehan explained: "I've never said that.... Those aren't even words that I would say."

Hip-Hop Caucus president Lennox Yearwood, Jr., a minister and community activist from the Gulf Coast region, called Sheehan "the Rosa Parks of the antiwar movement," Wikipedia said.

Sheehan will start her tour of Louisville with an appearance Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 10 a.m. at the Muhammad Ali Center on North 6<sup>th</sup> Street just north of Main Street downtown. She will speak and sign books that night from 6:30-8 p.m. at the University of Louisville Chao Auditorium.

On Sept. 9, Sheehan will appear at 7 p.m. at the Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression office at the Braden Center, 3208 W. Broadway.

She will speak and sign books Sept. 10 from 11 a.m. to noon at Bellarmine University, 2001 Newburg Rd., then at 6 p.m. will be the host of what organizers called a "conversation with Cindy and book signing" at Ray's Monkey House coffeehouse, 1578 Bardstown Rd.

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## US signed, now must act against poverty

by Gracie Lewis

A National Conference to End Poverty held in Louisville July 16 to 19 brings to mind the 2009 Poor People Human Rights Campaign, which is building a movement that unites the poor across color lines.

The campaign has focused on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, particularly Articles 23, 25 and 26 as a way of addressing the issue of poverty. These articles state our right to such provisions as housing, health care, a living wage job and education. Our government signed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948.

So the issues facing us today should not come as a total surprise to us, as we go about dealing with the recession that has hit our nation. The July conference was held at Spalding University and Women in Transition was the host.

CNN conducted a nationwide survey August 6 on the performance of our Congress and most importantly President Barack Obama. Both Congress and the president received about a C or D grade.

What was most important is the fact

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## Better flood relief needed; some tips for next disaster

by Gracie Lewis

In mid-August, two weeks after the flash flood of 2009, there was still debris stacked up on Maple Street around 22<sup>nd</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup> streets. When you entered the area, you couldn't help but remember *Katrina!*

The community was literally devastated from the rising waters and sewer backups. The residents had lost everything from the flash flood that struck with little or no warning! Thank God they were still alive! The surrounding communities started mobilizing quickly and responding. The people who were affected by the flood met on a Thursday night with Councilman David Tandy.

Tandy showed up, along with Rev. James Tennyson, a leader of the Justice Resource Center; members of Local 826 of the United Auto Workers and other volunteers. The group helped move the debris onto trucks.

We must continue to mobilize to help out. Every church, every organization, our elected officials, *everybody* has got to do something! The residents were outside in 85-degree heat and all of their belongings on the street. They literally had no where to go.

Two weeks have passed and churches and pastors have responded, such as Dr. Alex Mosley and the Eastern Star Baptist Church, Rev. James Stevenson's Midwest Church of Christ and the St. Stephen Baptist Church's Men's Ministry.

The Kentucky Alliance Against Racist & Political Repression and the Women in

Transition held a press conference to address the situation.

We still need to find out why the sewers had backed up, because there just may be another flash flood or a hurricane that may come through again. Will we be able to respond quickly?

Mold sets in and health issues result. How will we feed and provide shelter to those who have lost everything? Right now there needs to be a fund set up to help those who are in immediate need until help arrives.

Most of these people, did not have flood insurance. One of the residents who attended the press conference was terminally ill with no place to lay her head. What about those in the community who are disabled, elderly and in need? There are serious health concerns that have to be addressed.

Some advice: in case of any disaster, always keep a bag packed with a change of clothes and a three-day supply of medications packed away. Have a blanket or sleeping bag ready and of course some money set aside to get to your next destination. Evacuate immediately! Call Metro Call at 311 to help you locate help or Metro United Way at 211.

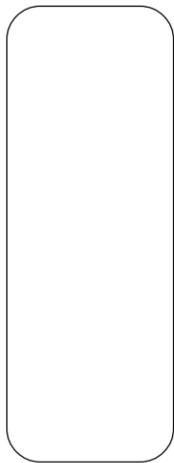
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# Why did 52 trek to capital? Single payer is the answer

by Dr. Garrett Adams

What is the motivation to pay \$100 for a sleepless night riding a bus from Louisville to Washington, D.C., for walking the halls of Congress the next morning, for sitting or standing in the hot sun at a rally in the afternoon, for spending another sleepless night riding the bus back to Louisville, and going straight to work almost on arrival the same day?

Ask 52 Single Payer health reform activists from Kentucky and southern Indiana, who did exactly that. Why would you do that?

We did it to demonstrate our commitment to the idea that all Americans deserve health care without financial

range was from 14 to 85 years, and one rider drove from Kansas City, Mo. to join us. The large Hoosier contingent included riders (one) from as far as Indianapolis. Kentuckians were from Paducah, Louisville, Lexington and central Kentucky.

Leaving Louisville Wednesday night, July 29, we rode through the night arriving in Washington early Thursday morning. Hoosiers called on the offices of Senators Richard Lugar and Evan Bayh, as well as the offices of Representatives Baron Hill, Brad Ellsworth and Andre Carson. Kentuckians were able to speak directly with Congressmen Ed Whitfield, Ben Chandler, and John Yarmuth. Congressman Hal Rogers' aide also spoke with us.



— photo courtesy Kay Tillow

**Tony Scott, a member of a delegation of Kentucky and Indiana single payer health insurance advocates, gives petitions July 30 to an aide to U.S. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky.**

*It was announced just yesterday, as of this writing, that Single payer legislation now will be brought to the floor of the House for debate and a floor vote, a remarkable achievement which would never have happened without street activism.*

barriers. We did it to knock a hole in the wall that health, no, wealth insurance companies and the for-profit health industry have built between the people and our elected officials. We did it so that those congresspeople could hear directly from us what we, the people, want.

The southern Indiana branch of Hoosiers for a Common Sense Health Plan and Kentuckians for Single Payer Healthcare organized the trip.

We were a diverse group. The age

In the afternoon, thousands attended a Single Payer health care rally celebrating Medicare's 44<sup>th</sup> birthday. Single payer leaders, as well as bill authors Rep. John Conyers (H.R. 676) and Sen. Bernie Sanders (S. 703) gave stirring speeches.

Afterward we took petitions for enactment of H.R. 676 to Sen. Mitch McConnell's office. Some 20 or more of us crowded into Sen. McConnell's outer office holding the petitions taped to string. If

fully stretched out, the petitions would reach two football fields — 7,000 Kentucky signatures for single payer national health care.

Our presence in Washington made an impression on the congresspeople. As a result of nationwide demonstrations and activism they are beginning to get the message. It was announced just yesterday, as of this writing, that Single Payer legislation now will be brought to the floor of the House for debate and a floor vote, a

remarkable achievement which would never have happened without street activism.

Our work is paying off. Who knows, we may have to go back again and again. This is a movement. We have to keep up the pressure, and we will.

*The author, a Louisville physician, is the state coordinator of Physicians for a National Health Program - Kentucky and a member of the national board of Physicians for a National Health Program.*



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# Housing trust chief eyes wide-reaching policy changes

by Ike M. Thacker IV  
and Eustace Durrett

The U.S. needs to pursue a more “balanced housing policy” that does not focus on homeownership as its be-all and end-all, National Housing Trust president Michael Bodaken said June 4 in Louisville.

Bodaken, speaking at the downtown Hyatt Regency, helped wish a happy 20th birthday to the Metropolitan Housing Coalition (MHC), which he rightly called “an enduring Louisville institution.” He delivered an excellent after-dinner speech the brevity and laudable comprehensibility of which somewhat masked an intense complexity.

The address, delivered after a social hour and supper at the MHC’s Annual Meeting, in a sense made that simple point about balance.

But on closer examination it becomes clear that the reasons for and ramifications of the changes proposed by Bodaken are far-reaching indeed, touching upon such vital issues as poverty reduction, the housing and financial crisis, unemployment, crumbling infrastructure, neighborhood and community preservation, and “global and nation warming.”

“Let’s start at a different place,” said Bodaken. “Let’s try to weave together a narrative that calls for a ‘balanced housing policy’ and makes real connections in how such a policy can ultimately lead to greater neighborhood stabilization, greening great communities like Louisville.”

Bodaken began by calling for “full recognition and appreciation of the moment, the transition, the historical pivot we now occupy,” and noted that this year is the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Housing Act of 1949 which first articulated in its “Declaration of Housing Policy” the goal of “a decent home and suitable living environment for every American family.”

But, said Bodaken, that goal has historically been taken to imply that only homeownership could provide such a home and environment. And policies such as the

mortgage interest deduction and “sophisticated financial mortgage securitization instruments” have indeed “dramatically increased and democratized homeownership for millions,” he said.

It is time now, though, Bodaken continued, to “concede that our housing policy is far from perfect and indeed... has an embedded imbalance that can lead to instability in the entire economy.” As we have pursued homeownership for people at virtually all income levels, willy-nilly, the debt-to-income ratio has more than doubled in the past 20 years or so, reaching an all-time high of 133 percent in 2007, he said.

Much of this run-up in debt, especially from 2000 to 2007, Bodaken emphasized, was mortgage-related, the result of weak lending standards, low interest rates, and the growth of a global market for securitized loans. Partially as a result, he added, “We no longer have the luxury to consider homeownership as the sole housing policy of our nation.”

We should instead focus in our communities, said Bodaken (noting that President Obama is the first community organizer to be elected to his lofty office), on providing “a mix of housing choices for residents across a span of incomes,” and should “deal with a myriad of issues” such as the financial (as well as the housing) crisis, unemployment, traffic congestion, our inadequate infrastructure, and global warming. These issues for Bodaken are connected, “and our solutions must also be connected.”

Much of the remainder of Bodaken’s remarks focused on his vision (shared, he says, by new HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan, who used to be on the National Housing Trust’s board), of “the connections between housing, energy and transportation.”

Before leaving the trust’s board, said Bodaken, Donovan “led a redraft of our strategic plan that placed rental housing preservation squarely in the context of community revitalization, climate change, smart growth and saving housing near transit.”

Confronted with “what will surely be called the ‘Great Recession,’” Bodaken as-

serted that the new administration is properly “connecting the dots” of jobs, a re-balanced housing policy, transportation, and climate change. Thus, “Housing, energy and transportation silos will be broken down and fast,” and the Departments of HUD, Energy, and Transportation will be very closely coordinated (Bodaken gives two specific examples of where this is occurring).

The point, he says, is not so much the billions of new stimulus dollars in HUD’s budget but what is outside that budget. Bodaken said there are “some basic facts that are well understood by the new administration,” including:

- Residential buildings (single- and multi-family) account for more than a third of U.S. energy consumption and 20 percent of all carbon emissions.
- More than three-fifths of the buildings we now occupy will still be occupied in 2030.
- “Over 250,000 HUD subsidized apartments in 20 American cities are located within one-half mile of existing mass transit.”
- HUD pays more than \$6 billion annually on energy costs.
- Households earning \$10,000-to-\$20,000 a year spend between 15 and 20 percent of their income on utilities. Thus, said Bodaken, “any attempt to reduce carbon emissions must *begin* with reducing greenhouse gases in existing structures and saving existing housing — rental or homeownership — already near transit. “Simultaneously, we could lower the heating and electric bills for our most

vulnerable low-income families” and create many “green” jobs through projects such as weatherization, for which \$11 billion is in the Energy Department budget, he added.

Perhaps best of all, Bodaken said, simultaneously with reducing greenhouse gas emissions we can restore “great neighborhoods like those in Louisville.” The advocacy of his organization, he went on to note, had focused on this “knitting together (of) the needs for affordable housing and climate change and much-needed jobs.”

Further, citing the MHC’s own *State of Metropolitan Housing Report 2008*, which emphasized the role of utility costs in overall housing expenses, Bodaken said reducing utility costs would have the ancillary but crucial effect of making housing more affordable for the poor.

For all of these reasons, Bodaken is hopeful about the future and urged his listeners to likewise be “optimistic about the historic opportunity we occupy.”

Returning to a quotation from Abraham Lincoln with which he had introduced his remarks, Bodaken said that “we must think anew, and act anew.” But then he closed his speech by adding something to Lincoln’s words: “as we think and act anew, we will draw ourselves closer to the future that we long to create.”

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9/9 Wed	7:00 PM	KY Alliance hosts Braden Center appearance
9/10 Thu	11:00 AM-12:00 PM 6:00 PM	Bellarmino Univ. Speaking event & book signing Conversation with Cindy & book signing at Ray’s Monkey House, Bardstown Rd.
9/11 Fri	10:00-11:00 AM 4:00-9:00 PM	Press Conference at Fire Fighters’ memorial, Jefferson Square Park Farewell Fund-raiser party at Harold & Carol Trainers’ home

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To learn more about Cindy: <http://www.cindysheehanssoapbox.com/>

## FOR cruise on Hudson is Oct. 11 Awards to go to activists

The national FOR will honor peace and justice advocates near and far from its Nyack, N.Y. headquarters Sunday, Oct. 11 from noon to 2 p.m. on its first "Peace on the River" cruise.

"You will cruise on the scenic Hudson River in the company of fellow peace and justice activists, while enjoying stunning views of Ellis Island, Liberty Island, and downtown Manhattan and Brooklyn," the FOR said in an e-mail.

Tickets (\$80 each with discounts for tables of six or eight, pending availability) are available by calling *Jonette O'Kelley Miller* or *Mary Heckler* at: 845-358-4601 (extensions 29 and 32, respectively).

Advertising in a commemorative journal is sought. Rates are from \$20 to \$300. Contact [jmiller@forusa.org](mailto:jmiller@forusa.org). For more information, go to the FOR's web site at [www.forusa.org](http://www.forusa.org).

Three awards will be given during the luncheon cruise. One will go to a group of Iraqis using nonviolence in the midst of war and occupation.

Also, the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Peace Prize will go to Cynthia Brown, a former commissioner and co-chairperson of the *Greensboro Truth & Reconciliation Commission*, which issued a report on the 1979 murder of demonstrating Communists in Greensboro, N.C. by klansmen and Nazis. She also was a progressive candidate for the U.S. Senate from North Carolina.

The Nyack-Area Local Peace Prize will go to Frances Pratt, a tireless civil rights worker and president of the Nyack NAACP. She has worked on issues of racial and economic justice, health care, and education in the Rockland and Westchester County region.

The keynote speaker during the banquet will be an internationally renowned anti-apartheid activist and trauma healing advocate, the Rev. Michael Lapsley, director of the *Institute for the Healing of Memories* in Cape Town, South Africa.

In April 1990, Rev. Lapsley was the target of a parcel bomb by apartheid agents that blew off both his arms and severely damaged one each of his eyes and ears. Nevertheless, he chose to spend his life working for reconciliation and restorative justice, rather than seeking vengeance and retribution.

## Sheehan

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On Sept. 11, her final day in the city, Sheehan will hold a press conference from 10 to 11 a.m. at a firefighters' memorial at Jefferson Square Park downtown and will attend a "Farewell Fundraiser party" from 4 to 9 p.m. at the home of peace activists Harold and Carol Rawert Trainer (for information on the party, contact Carol Rawert Trainer at [502] 500-6915).

For more information on any other of these appearances, contact Jakubiak at (502) 939-3698 or Harold Trainer at (502) 387-9490.

Jakubiak said despite the extremely weighty issues Sheehan takes on, she should prove a very personable visitor.

"I met her in D.C. in January 2007 when we were there to lobby the new Congress," Jakubiak said. "She came up to me and started talking to me like she had known me forever.... That's the kind of person she is. She's very open... She's just an awesome woman."

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# Tough call in Toledo

## How should we deal with homophobia at the high levels?

She dismisses gay and lesbian people as undeserving of the most basic rights that make us American. She urges her state legislators to allow discrimination to continue.

She uses all the vile, scientifically false, spiritually dishonest homophobic rhetoric of the right to essentially deny that gay people even exist, basing her whole argument on the lie that sexual orientation is chosen behavior.

A simple case of bare-knuckled bigotry that demands our unambiguous opposition, right? Yes, but the case of Crystal Dixon of Toledo, Ohio isn't simple. Even I, a passionate gay rights supporter for more than 30 years, feel uncertain about how to respond.

Dixon was an associate vice president of human resources at the University of Toledo until she was fired from the position last year after she wrote a guest column in an alternative newspaper called the *Toledo Free Press* responding to a pro-gay rights piece in the paper.

In her column, Dixon wrote: "As a black woman, I take great umbrage at the notion that those choosing the homosexual lifestyle are 'civil rights victims.' Here's why, I cannot wake up tomorrow and not be a black woman.... There are consequences for each of our choices, including those who violate God's divine order."

Months after her firing, she sued the university, claiming the termination violated her first and 14<sup>th</sup> amendment rights.

University president Lloyd Jacobs, who made the decision to discontinue Dixon's employment with UT, has artfully defended her firing, saying in a television interview that the issue simply is whether an administrator can properly carry out her employer's policy of equal treatment and diversity.

### One Afternoon in the Social Security Office

Islamic head covering.

Lovely dark skin.

Solemn look.

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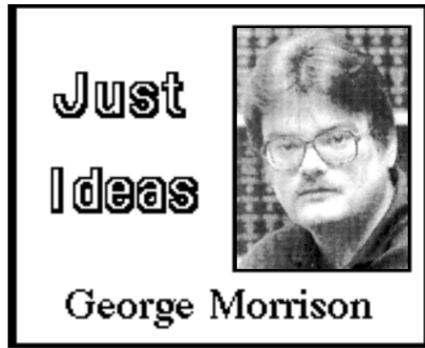
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— George Morrison

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He sounded sincere and never wavered. Missing were those awful legalisms coldly stated by bureaucrats in so many cases like this.

In a letter to Dixon, he had stated that her column: "calls into question your continued ability to lead a critical function within the administration, as personnel actions or decisions taken in your capacity as associate vice president for human resources could be challenged or placed at risk. The result is a loss of confidence in you as an administrator."

So where does the American Civil Liberties Union, that veteran of sorting out complex counter claims of rights, weigh in on Dixon's case?

ACLU of Ohio executive director Chris Link said Dixon's ability to carry out job duties can be grounds for termination, so this not a simple free speech case.

"It would seem perfectly fair and logi-

cal for the university to say if this is what you believe, we have to look at your job performance," she told the daily newspaper *Toledo Blade*, later adding, "Look at their actions, not their words. People should be punished for their actions."

As if to reiterate that her actions are not those of an innocent, Dixon testified before the Ohio House of Representatives June 9 against a gay rights bill, repeating that while she cannot wake up tomorrow and not be black, "homosexual behavior is a lifestyle choice that can be modified on a daily basis. Each day, one can choose to engage in homosexual behavior or not to engage in homosexual behavior."

Dixon also told the house she never discriminated against any non-straight person while in the university's administration.

Out in the nation, the usual suspects are blasting the university. Radio talk show hosts and bloggers have called UT "Stalinist" and claimed a "gay jihad" is behind her firing. Of course these folks are generally entrepreneurs seeking to become rich or richer, and the formula for accomplishing that is: fire off the buzz words, ignore the complexities.

We need to pay attention to those complexities, too. Is this, I wonder, a case where a "restorative justice" approach would be more appropriate than a firing? Now, hold on — I'm not talking about coddling bigots.

Restorative justice, when used in criminal law, involves face-to-face negotiations

with the goal of reconciling. But reconciling does not mean compromising our values. It gives us a chance to express them to the offender in hopes of bringing her back into compliance with civil and ethical behavior.

In these negotiations, the offender gets to tell about his unmet needs that may have contributed to his actions, too.

A civil case is different, but restorative principles can still work to resolve disputes which involve more than one party feeling aggrieved and an issue which has fallen victim to hot-button hysteria.

Negotiations using an impartial professional mediator could allow gay rights advocates to calmly show Dixon the number of cases of discrimination against LGBT people, and statistics on the horrific problem of their suicide rate.

Using this method, the pro-human rights side could highlight the injustice in Dixon's vitriol, showing how a public university's high-ranking official spewing such pro-discrimination rhetoric calls into question the university's ability to comply with the equal protection clause of the 14<sup>th</sup> amendment on which Dixon partly bases her suit.

At the very least, the restorative approach would prevent the right wing from stealing the mantle of human rights, portraying Dixon as some sort of infidel and us as her inquisitors.

Contact George Morrison at klm86@att.net.

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**Reveling in glamorized military might is militarism, not patriotism, and certainly not what is greatest about America;**

**Take the symbols of a divisive war, and the recruiters that are a part of the military's air show deal, out of our celebration.**

**Think your group should join those on the list below? Contact Chris Harmer/FOR ([colonel221@yahoo.com](mailto:colonel221@yahoo.com) or 893-2334).**

**FOR will work with you, listening to and educating your members. And in turn, you can help us with leafleting, witness, writing letters to papers and corporate sponsors, and a peaceful skies alternative everyone can enjoy.**

**Silence over Thunder coalition:** Louisville Friends Meeting (Quakers), Central Presbyterian Church, The Peace and Compassion Buddha Circle, Jeff Street Baptist Community at Liberty, Mission Outreach committee of First Unitarian Church, Interfaith Paths to Peace, Pax Christi, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Louisville Peace Action Community, The Board of Kentucky Refugee Ministries, Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, American Veterans Against War, Peace and Social Justice committee of St. Williams Catholic Church, Fairness Campaign, Kentucky Interfaith Task Force on Latin America and the Caribbean, Sustainable Agriculture of Louisville, US Department of Peace/Louisville, Social Justice committee of Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church, Students United for Peace and Justice, Drepung Gomang Institute, Louisville Peace Chavurah, The Center for Faith and Action, Clifton Unitarian Church, Louisville Committee on Peace in the Middle East.

# 'Goon squad tactics' harm health of health care debate

There are those of us in the U.S. who are disgusted with so much unemployment and so many home foreclosures, ashamed that there are people who get sick and are not able to afford good medical care. This, the wealthiest country in the world, treats the ordinary folk, who made the rich folk rich, like outcasts.

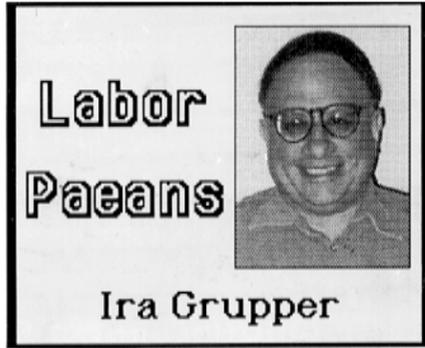
There are the few who eat filet mignon and sip Dom Perignon. There are the many who eat lunch meat and drink Sneaky Pete. The rich call this distinction hard work. The rest of us call it exploitation and theft. The tug-of-war between them and us is called class struggle. Those who say "class struggle" is an outdated term either are ensconced in the corporate board rooms, the ivory towers or the fleshpots moored in yacht basins.

And, so, we come to the debate in the U.S. Congress, now spilling into local communities, about different ways to change health insurance to benefit the masses, between Single Payer and Public Option, and — and keep things as is.

President Barack Obama, and the Democratic Party leadership, seemed taken aback by the disruptions of meetings of U.S. Congress members wanting to talk about healthcare legislation. The rowdy crowds of seemingly ordinary citizens were just what the Democratic Party did not want. Yet the party seemed flummoxed, thrown off by it all.

To the rescue has come Howard Dean, former chairman of the Democratic Party, who, the Associated Press reported Aug. 17, "doubts there can be meaningful health care reform without a direct government role, putting him at odds with President Barack Obama, who says such a public option is only a sliver of the solution." The article continues: "Dean appeared on morning news shows Monday amid increasing indications the Obama White House is retreating from the public option in the face of vocal opposition from Republicans and some vocal participants at town-hall-style meetings around the country.... (Dean) called a direct government role 'the entirety of health care reform. It isn't the entirety of insurance reform.... We shouldn't spend \$60 billion a year subsidizing the insurance industry.'"

One labor union, the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers (UE), had a very clear analysis published Aug. 10 and headlined "Democrats Taste Union Busting at their Town Hall Meetings, Will they Learn its Lessons?": "Taking a page from the union-buster play book, squads of well organized and financed agitators have disrupted the town hall meetings of a growing number of Democrats during the August recess. Congressional Democrats have held a number of these town hall meetings in



order to answer questions and clarify some of the details surrounding the ongoing health care reform debate. In an escalating number of places, however, the meetings have been derailed by highly orchestrated disruption techniques, launched by the obviously well-planned Republican and corporate operatives. To add to their minuscule ranks the paid staffers have enlisted a hodgepodge of fanatic anti-Obama protesters as well as hard core right wing and anti-labor elements."

The article, written by Chris Townsend, UE's Director of Political Action, continued: "Several of the meetings have been completely dominated by goon squad tactics, with flustered lawmakers,

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their staffs, supporters of reform, and members of the public watching as the meetings were systematically wrecked or taken over by the screeching supporters of the health insurance industry. The most outlandish lies and misrepresentations about the Democrats' health reform proposal were repeated over and over again during the meetings, and when combined with the boisterous and sometimes violent conduct of the disrupters the town hall meetings have become a public relations disaster for the Democrats."

As this column is being put to bed, we await word on whether some Democrats who are watchers of which way the wind is blowing, will develop any courage. They seem so afraid.

Perhaps they should listen to Richard Trumka, leader of the United Mineworkers and incoming president of the AFL-CIO labor federation, who recently condemned, in a speech to Network Nation Aug. 15, all those who are "lying about the loss of (health) insurance." He forthrightly advocated Single Payer, saying also that Public Option was "the absolute minimum."

Trumka denounced the so-called spontaneous demonstrations by those opposing government interference as the work of organized right-wing elements. The *Washington Post* Aug. 16 went on to explain: "The rowdy protests that threaten President Obama's health-care reform efforts have been spurred on by a loose network of activists — from veteran (rightwing—I.G.) advocacy groups with millions of dollars in funding to casual alliances of like-minded conservatives unhappy over issues from taxes to deficits to environmental laws."

Yet the silence, read: vacuous villainy, of the major TV networks is exposed by their refusal to explain these demonstrations as tools of such right-wing groups and individuals as the American Liberty Alliance, former congressman Dick Armey's FreedomWorks, Conservatives for Patients' Rights, Americans for Prosperity, Patients First, Patients United, 60 Plus. Club for Growth, ad nauseum. Let's also not forget the role of the Republican National Committee in all of this. A notable exception to the media silence is MSNBC's Rachel Maddow, who has done good work in exposing the reactionaries.

McClatchey Newspapers reported Aug. 14: "These opposition groups appear

to have spent at least \$10 million so far on ads attacking the Democrats' plans."

The media sycophants seem fearful of the detested diarrhea diatribes of Rush Limbaugh (who called pro-healthcare reformers' tactics "Hitler-like") and others, who try to smash even the meager attempts by the Democratic Party leadership to push a wimpy healthcare bill, fearful that the wonderful John Conyers (H.R. 676) bill might have a shot at passage. The ruling class is split on this issue, with — I don't make this stuff up, sports fans — drug makers and the American Medical Association favoring some sort of progressive legislation.

On the other side, the McClatchey article said: "also noteworthy are (FreedomWorks') other backers and board members. They include billionaire flat-tax proponent and former GOP presidential candidate Steve Forbes; Richard J. Stephenson, who founded Cancer Treatment Centers of America, which offers alternative as well as standard therapies, sometimes not covered by insurance; and Frank M. Sands, Sr., chief executive officer of an investment manage-

ment firm whose offerings include a Healthcare Leaders portfolio."

Truth be told, there are two positions among those advocating robust healthcare reform. One, backed by a coalition of groups, is HCAN, Health Care for American Now, which includes the United Food and Commercial Workers and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). As this column goes to the editor, they have been running national TV ads, targeting Blue Dog Democrats. The ad shows the hypocrisy of Republicans using such a plan, as members of Congress, yet opposing the same benefit that would lower costs to both American consumers and small businesses. The ad blames their reluctance to back a public option on the millions of dollars in campaign contributions the lawmakers have taken from the health care industry.

A second position among progressives views the compromises much more cynically, and views both the public option as originally proposed by policy wonk Jacob Hacker, and its shriveled remnant as embodied in H.R. 3200, the House tri committee bill, as sound health care policy. They feel the fight now for the Public Option has no substance and is based on the illusion that it can control the costs and cover all the people. They view the Public Option, even if politically correct, as policy nonsense.

An advocate of this view told me: "One item that has been totally left out of the discussion is the individual mandate in all of the bills currently under consideration. Can any bill be called progressive that forces people to buy insurance from private health insurance companies or be fined large sums? What kind of health care reform bails out the private insurance companies? We now have both (big business lobbyists) AHIP and PHarma running ads for reform.... Without saving the \$400 billion per year that happens with H.R. 676, there is no way to cover everyone, improve care for all, and reign in the cost."

The real world of politics is not pretty. With Public Option, the Democratic Party does not have to take on the massive insurance lobby in all-out war. Your columnist has questions: By the time it gets through the Congressional sausage mill, how many people will Public Option serve? How much money will taxpayers spend to subsidize the insurance industry?

Nowadays, medical coverage does not necessarily mean medical care: it's priced beyond most of our means. The labor movement knows that its members, and others, need decent health care. So the battle continues. Stay tuned.

Contact Ira Grupper at irag@iglou.com.

## Calendar for peacemakers *(continued from back page)*

Oct 8 (Thurs) **EMPTY BOWLS SOUP SUPPER AND AUCTION.** To benefit the Individual and Family Assistance Program of Highlands Community Ministries. 5 PM, Frazier Hall, Bellarmine University. For more information, contact Linda Bowles at (502) 451-7535 or [lcbowles@bluegrass.net](mailto:lcbowles@bluegrass.net).

Oct 9-10 (Fri-Sat) **BELKNAP FALL FESTIVAL.** Featuring juried arts & crafts, food, music, family fun, educational exhibits, and the Deer Park Environmental Village. Douglass Loop at Dundee, Harvard, Yale and Wibben. From 6-10 PM on Friday and 10 AM to 7 PM Saturday. For more information, contact Linda Bowles at (502) 451-7535 or [lcbowles@bluegrass.net](mailto:lcbowles@bluegrass.net).

Oct 18 (Sun) **DARE TO CARE HUNGER WALK.** Festivities start at noon; walk begins at 2:15 PM. Waterfront Park, Festival Plaza. For more information, visit [www.thehungerwalk.org](http://www.thehungerwalk.org).

Oct 21 (Wed) **BARDSTOWN/TRAPPIST MONASTERY TOUR.** Visit the Basilica of St. Joseph, enjoy a buffet meal at the Stephen Foster Restaurant and visit the Trappist Monastery. Bus leaves at 9 AM and returns about 4:30 PM. \$24 due by September 1. For more information or to register, call the Highlands Community Ministries at 451-3695.

Oct 24 (Sat) **FAIRNESS 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY X-TRAVAGANZA.** Save the date for a community-wide celebration in honor of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of Jefferson County's Fairness law, with an x-travaganza of house parties culminating in a community dance party. To learn more about becoming a dinner party host, email [chris@fairness.org](mailto:chris@fairness.org) or call 893-0788.

### OUT OF TOWN

Oct 2 (Fri) **WORLD MARCH FOR PEACE AND NONVIOLENCE.** Starting in New Zealand on Gandhi's birthday (and the UN's "International Day of Nonviolence"), an international team of marchers will travel through six continents over a period of 93 days, ending on January 2, 2010 in the heights of the Andes Mountains. Along their

path, they will be joined by millions of people who feel that beyond countries, ideologies, cultures and particular situations, it is necessary to awaken a new social consciousness to build a worldwide culture of nonviolence. The March is inspiring the creation of thousands of initiatives in more than 95 countries—forums, symposia, cultural and sports events, festivals, concerts, vigils, and community gatherings—all focused on spreading the message of disarmament and nonviolence throughout the planet. Stay tuned for more details!

Oct 3-10 **KEEP SPACE FOR PEACE WEEK.** International week of protest to stop the militarization of space. Modern warfare, including the U.S. occupation of Afghanistan and attacks on Pakistan, uses Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and GPS-guided bombs. Directed by space satellites, and remotely controlled far from the battlefield, these weapons are responsible for massive civilian casualties. Children today are being trained through video games to be the remote killers of tomorrow. It is time to preserve space for peace and to end war. Sponsored by Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space. For more information, visit [www.space4peace.org](http://www.space4peace.org).

Oct 9-11 (Fri-Sun) **KENTUCKIANS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH ANNUAL MEETING.** Family friendly atmosphere! Relax, meet new people, visit old friends, learn about KFTC, share stories, dance, listen to music, attend workshops and have fun! Kentucky Leadership Center in Jabez, Ky. For more information, visit [www.kftc.org](http://www.kftc.org).

Oct 23-25 (Fri-Sun) **6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GANDHI KING CONFERENCE ON PEACEMAKING: Awakening the Power of Nonviolence.** Christian Brothers University, Memphis, TN. For more information about the conference, or to register, visit [www.GandhiKingConference.org](http://www.GandhiKingConference.org), call 901-725-4990, or email [info@gandhikingconference.org](mailto:info@gandhikingconference.org).

Oct 28-29 (Wed-Thurs) **2009 KENTUCKY AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONFERENCE.** Sponsored by the Kentucky Housing Corporation, conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency and Lexington Convention Center. For more information, contact Mary Kay Meagher at 614-224-8446 or [mmeagher@occh.org](mailto:mmeagher@occh.org).

## NUCLEAR THOUGHTS

In Louisville we have just concluded **Hiroshima-Nagasaki Days**, August 6-9, a very meaningful time especially for those of us with very vivid memories of that day in 1945 when we dropped the bomb on these two Japanese cities.. I was 24 years old at the time.

While the newspapers picked up the feeling of euphoria, it was the courageous pastor of the church I was attending in Richmond, Virginia, who brought his congregation's attention to the stark reality of what had happened. He condemned what our government had done. That was a defining moment for me, a moment of truth — only nine months after my husband was shot down in the "Battle of the Bulge" in Germany. People said to me then, "You should be so proud that he gave his life for his country." No, he did *not* give his life. His life was *taken* by misguided governments who decided to send a whole generation of young men off to kill each other.

And yet, it was not until 1978 that the U.S. government released the photographs of the destruction and especially of the victims being cared for in hospitals and elsewhere. These pictures were circulated widely by "Mobilization for Survival." Although I knew that the devastation was dreadful, this was my first time to see such photographs. The impact was overwhelming.

Today I have been reminded of that time by visiting the **Hiroshima A-Bomb Photo Exhibition**, now on display until August 21, at Christ Church Cathedral. This remarkable traveling display has been sent to us by the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation, in cooperation with the city of Hiroshima, in the hope of bringing greater awareness among the American people about the rising nuclear peril. We are grateful to Terry Taylor and Interfaith Paths to Peace for arranging to have these photos in Louisville. After August 21 they will be moved to the University of Louisville where you can still view them.

I strongly encourage you to take a few moments for this. We need to spread the word so that others may take advantage of this opportunity. Remember that many of the current generation have never seen such pictures. In fact, the whole period of August 6 through 9, marking the 64th anniversary, was a call for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

## REMEMBERING IS NOT ENOUGH

"While taking time today to remember those affected, it is important to ask ourselves how we can make sure it doesn't happen again. How can we prevent the mass destruction of innocent lives and make this a safer world? And how can we shape security policies so these weapons which actually create insecurity for all can be recognized as harmful and unnecessary?"

These questions were raised in an article forwarded to me from **TFF** (Transnational Foundation for Peace and Future Research) in Lund, Sweden speaking for total abolition of these terrible weapons. The article points out that the 1968 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) is on the side of nuclear-abolitionists like TFF. Although the 5 acknowledged nuclear states (the US, Russia, China, France and the UK) are signatories of the treaty which obliges them to move toward nuclear disarmament, they are building many more sophisticated nukes.

For example, consider the **new bomb plant** planned for Oak Ridge in East Tennessee where the Department of Energy (DOE) hopes to continue the Stockpile Life Extension Program. The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the new bomb plant, now called the Uranium Processing Facility — pricetag \$3.5 billion — is back on DOE's calendar. A draft Y-12 site-wide EIS is due in September, and a public hearing to follow.

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that this was seven months into the Obama Administration. The American people rated the president and his administration for the second 200 days. Traditionally, the new president has received a rating around the first 100 days, but due to racism and "white privilege" CNN has decided it would conduct an ongoing poll.

Health care is one of those issues that has found itself front and center. In Florida we witnessed a "Town Hall" meeting gone bad! Would this be happening if President Bush had been in office?

I think not! President Barack Obama is not *God!* When President William Jefferson Clinton took office, the country was in a real crisis, and it took him eight years to turn our economy around. When President Bush took office, there was a *surplus*, but within nine months it was all gone! So, we as a nation should not expect President Obama and his administration to turn this economy around within seven months.

We are still spending trillions of dollars on the defense budget, which keeps growing! What is required at every step of this administration — with the economic crisis that landed on him — is "strategic planning" at the state and local level.

We have millions of people who are losing jobs every day, and along with this loss comes loss of health care benefits. If a major illness or disease occurs, one can easily be plunged into bankruptcy or foreclosure. Health care is an economic human right!

Congressman John Conyers, a Democrat from Detroit, has been sponsoring H.R. 676 and collecting data on the "single-payer health plan" for more than 20 years; and it still has not passed. So the Obama Administration might want to support Conyers' "United States National Health



Insurance Act." Let's put the focus back on *care* and save \$400 billion dollars!

It's time to organize at the state and local level, to focus on how we are going to save and create jobs with a living wage, health care benefits, affordable housing and provide state-of-the-art educational opportunities. That means we need to put aside "racism and white privilege" and do our part to help turn this economy around.

This can only be done when we see that change is not easy. It will take time, community-based innovation and problem-solving. Education must be our top priority to prepare for the future! The President has included educational incentives within the unemployment benefits package. We have to use those benefits to respond to our economic and human rights crisis.

Last month, we saw a flood which came up within an hour, costing our city millions of dollars in damage. The West End is still digging out of a grave situation. Many families are struggling to get the water out of their basements. We need to meet with our local and state officials to solve these problems. Our community, across racial lines, had no "flood insurance." Legislation needs to be introduced to correct this problem, and immediately.

People will have to get involved with their local organizations, churches, and most importantly our government to help us out here.

Plan to attend the next Louisville Metro Council meeting. Be there! Sign up to speak (Call 574-1230). Call your Congressional Representatives to discuss a "town hall meeting on health care and jobs."

*The writer, of Louisville, is an activist for racial justice and a clean environment.*

**OREPA** (Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance) is gearing up to prevent the new plant. Now celebrating 20 years of educating people about what is going on at Oak Ridge, OREPA hosted Dr. Helen Caldicott last fall to speak and tour the facility. Frida Berrigan was also featured for an evening. Moreover, last February, as Congress debated the economic stimulus bill, OREPA helped mount the grassroots effort that got \$1 billion for nuclear weapons taken out of the bill.

Most exciting is the announcement that in July 2010, OREPA will help host a celebration of **30 years of Nuclear Resistance** as friends of the *Nuclear Resister* and *Nukewatch* come to Oak Ridge on the Fourth of July weekend for three days of events and action. Mark the date and start planning now to bring a van load or even a bus. Orepa is reaching out to traditional peace and justice allies in mobilizing for the event. Outreach strengthens community. Keep up with what's happening at [www.stopthebombs.org](http://www.stopthebombs.org)

## RABBITS TO THE RESCUE IN GAZA

"**Cuddly, clean and nutritious, cottontails are solving the Palestinian food crisis.**" This message by Donald Macintyre was shared at our Friday noon vigil last week. Published on August 17, 2009 in *The Independent*, this amazing story brings us hope. Excerpts are given here.

The shrapnel holes in the wall behind her underline why Subheya Motawe, her husband and their 15 children were forced to escape from their four-room home in this central Gaza village last January. With no time to grab their belongings, Mrs. Motawe, 52, had the presence of mind to at least take her most valuable possession — a pregnant female rabbit.

After the family returned home at the end of the Israeli military assault on Gaza, the doe gave birth to a healthy litter.

Most of the family's other 24 rabbits were casualties of Operation Cast Lead — either directly because of bombardment or indirectly because Mrs. Motawe had not been able to leave the house to get feed or clean water for them. With the new offspring, Mrs. Motawe had the nucleus she needed for a fresh start.

A steadily rising trend of chronic malnutrition in Gaza (since the Israeli blockade was imposed in June 2007 when Hamas seized full control of the territory) was revealed in a report by the International Red Cross and Red Crescent last November.

It was in this context that **Care International** began a pilot scheme to supply 70 "vulnerable" families with two hutches, four months worth of feed, four female rabbits and one male rabbit.

Mrs. Motawe was "excited" to be among the first to benefit. Having been faced with debts and potentially crippling education costs for such a large household, she says "It is a good way to provide income for the family." Rabbits breed quickly and repeatedly. A single female can give multiple births up to six times a year. The small business provides some meat for the owners but also generates income at the markets.

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# Calendar for peacemakers

Sept 2 (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. Special meeting time: 5:30 PM to 7 PM. Join us to hear guest presenter Nate Pederson of EarthSave Louisville speak of the global benefits of adopting a vegetarian diet. Passionist Earth & Spirit Center, The Barn at 1924 Newburg Road.

Sept 6 (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](mailto:j@bikecourier.org).

Sept 6 (Sun) **CARLA WALLACE'S ANNUAL LAWN PARTY.** Proceeds benefit the Fairness Campaign, the Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, and the Braden Center. 5-8 PM. For more information, contact Fairness at 893-0788.

Sept 6 (Sun) **VIGIL FOR PEACE** every first Sunday evening, remembering all those suffering from conflicts in the Middle East. Bring a sign. 7-8 PM, Bardstown Road at Douglass Blvd. Sponsored by LPAC (Louisville Peace Action Community). For more information, call Judy Munro-Leighton at 456-6914.

Sept 7 (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](mailto:j@bikecourier.org).

Sept 8 (Tues) **CINDY SHEEHAN: LECTURE AND BOOK SIGNING.** Author, speaker and peace activist Cindy Sheehan will present a public lecture at the Chao Auditorium, University of Louisville, Ekstrom Library. 6:30-8PM. Cindy will be making a number of additional appearances throughout the Louisville area this week including a press conference and media interviews. Watch the calendar at [www.louisvillepeace.org](http://www.louisvillepeace.org) for details or call Harold Trainer (502) 387-9490 or Nancy Jakubiak (502) 939-3698 for more information.

Sept 9 (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.

Sept 10 (Thu) **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](mailto:papajohn15@bellsouth.net).

Sept 10 (Thurs) **APPAP (American Palestine Public Affairs Forum).** Every second Thursday. A documentary film exploring the situation in Middle East will be presented. 7:30 PM, Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, 1044 Alta Vista Road, Nelson Hall, Room 119. For more information, call Bashir Masri, 773-1836.

Sept 11 (Fri) **OPEN HOUSE & FUNDRAISING PARTY WITH CINDY SHEEHAN.** At the home of Harold and Carol Trainer, 10529 Championship Court, Prospect, Ky. 4 PM to 9 PM. Food and drink buffet. For more information or to RSVP, call 502-500-6915 or email [crawerttrainer@insightbb.com](mailto:crawerttrainer@insightbb.com).

Sept 12 (Sat) **PEAK OIL.** Every 2nd Saturday, Main Library, 4th & York, Mezzanine, Boardroom. 9:00 AM. Call George Perkins, 425-6645.

Sept 12 (Sat) **2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL HOMEWARD BOUND 5K RACE/WALK.** Begins at Cherokee Park in front of the Louisville Dog Run (Cochran Hill). Participants will run or walk the park's scenic loop. Registration begins at 8 AM, with run/walk beginning at 9 AM. Registration is \$25 through Sept. 4 and \$30 after that date. Sponsored by the Coalition for the Homeless. For more information or to register, visit [www.louhomeless.org](http://www.louhomeless.org).

Sept 13 (Sun) **LOUISVILLE AIDS WALK.** A 5K run/walk to raise awareness and funds for local HIV/AIDS Service Organizations. Thanks to the generosity of corporate sponsors and the hard work of volunteers, 100% of the proceeds benefit local AIDS organizations. For more information or to register, visit [www.louisvilleaidswalk.org](http://www.louisvilleaidswalk.org).

Sept 13 (Sun) **"AIM HIGHER"** focusing on military counter-recruitment. Every 2nd Sunday at 7:00 PM, 2236 Kaelin Avenue at the FOR office. This group 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.

Sept 17 (Thurs) **THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH: "Right Wing Honduran Coup Confronts People Power."** Stephen (Esteban) Bartlett, agrarian activist working at local, national and international levels, will present the need to resist and revoke the recent coup d'etat in Honduras. Based on the analysis of grassroots Honduran leaders, he will lead a dialogue questioning: *Who is behind this throwback to the days of brutal dictatorships in Latin America? Why was liberal party President Zelaya considered such a threat to the interests of the elite? What correlation of forces is currently at work in the situation, some evident and some hidden?* Before joining Agricultural Missions in 2000, Stephen Bartlett farmed and grew timber on 10 acres in the Dominican Republic. He coordinates Sustainable Agriculture of Louisville. 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](mailto:edwardsfor@bellsouth.net).

Sept 17 (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.

Sept 19 (Sat) **"THE WORK THAT RECONNECTS" WORKSHOP.** We invite you to join us for this day-long workshop based on the work of Joanna Macy, as we explore perspectives that help align us with our unique place and role in the larger earth community, as we move from fear and apathy to compassion and creativity, as we develop an understanding of what it means to be an active participant in the transition to a life sustaining civilization. Facilitated by Marilyn Stoner and Mark Steiner. 9 AM - 4 PM, The Center for Interfaith Relations, 415 West Muhammad Ali. Suggested donation \$30-\$60. Some scholarships available. For more information, visit [www.interfaithrelations.org](http://www.interfaithrelations.org). To register, contact Marilyn at (502) 456-1502 or [marilynstoner@fastmail.fm](mailto:marilynstoner@fastmail.fm).

Sept 19 (Sat) **2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL PHOENIX HILL MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL.** From noon until 8 PM, Lucille Grant Park, 1000 E. Liberty Street. For more information or to find out how you can be part of the festivities, email [phoenixhillassociation@juno.com](mailto:phoenixhillassociation@juno.com).

Sept 20 (Sun) **LOUISVILLE COMMITTEE FOR ISRAELI/PALESTINIAN STATES.** Every third Sunday. First Unitarian Church, 4<sup>th</sup> & York Streets, 3:00 PM. Call Beverley Marmion, 451-5658.

Sept 21-24 (Mon-Fri) **UofL PRIDE WEEK.** Featuring a cookout, theater performances and keynote address with reality TV star Calpernia Adams, and Andrea James. For more information, visit <http://louisville.edu/lgbt> or contact the University of Louisville Office for LGBT Services at 852-0696.

September 22 (Tues) **MEMORIAL CANDLELIGHT BRIDGE WALK FOR THE UNINSURED.** Join us in a memorial walk for all those who have died due to a lack of health insurance. The walk will begin in Indiana at dusk, cross the Second Street Bridge, and return to the Indiana side. Sponsored by HCHP (Hoosiers for a Common Sense Health Plan) and KSPH (Kentuckians for Single Payer Healthcare). For more information visit: [www.kyhealthcare.org](http://www.kyhealthcare.org) or call Linda (812) 280-7125.

Sept 24 (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.

Sept 25-27 (Fri-Sun) **LOUISVILLE IRISH FEST.** Sponsored by the Louisville Irish Fest and Bellarmine University. Join us for food, music, dancing, and a cultural display of Irish history in Frazier Hall. Bouccicault's "The Shaugraun," a 19<sup>th</sup> century comic melodrama, will be performed at 7:30 PM on Friday and 2 PM on Saturday. Play tickets are \$5. For more information, visit [www.louisvilleirishfest.com](http://www.louisvilleirishfest.com).

Sept 28 (Mon) **F.O.R. STEERING COMMITTEE.** Presbyterian Seminary, 1044 Alta Vista Road. Meets every fourth Monday. Visitors encouraged. Call Dennis Bricking, 298-0590, or Phil Schervish, 558-7175.

Oct 1 (Thurs) **ACLU 2009 BILL OF RIGHTS DINNER.** Mark your calendar and save the date! To be held at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Louisville. Keynote speaker will be Morris Dees, co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center. For more information, visit [www.aclu-ky.org](http://www.aclu-ky.org) or call (502) 581-1181.

Oct 3 (Sat) **"TITANIC: THE ARTIFACT EXHIBITION."** This major touring exhibit includes over 100 artifacts recovered from the Titanic wreck site. The exhibition will run through February 15, 2010. Tickets are on sale now at the Louisville Science Center. For more information, call 561-6100 or visit [www.louisvillescience.org](http://www.louisvillescience.org).

Oct 2-4 (Fri-Sun) **ST. JAMES COURT ART SHOW.** Bringing more than 700 artists from around the country. 10 AM to 6 PM on Friday and Saturday, 10 AM to 5 PM on Sunday at St. James Court in Old Louisville. For more information, visit [www.stjamescourartshow.com](http://www.stjamescourartshow.com).

## 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 – 1st Tuesday, every other month (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](http://www.LouisvilleEarthSave.org)
- FAIRNESS CAMPAIGN – Quarterly community dialogues and volunteer opportunities (893-0788)
- FDR/Lincoln Legacy Club – 1st Thursday, [papajohn15@bellsouth.net](mailto: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 – 3rd Saturday (562-6737)
- KFTC [KENTUCKIANS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH] – 2nd Monday (589-3188)
- 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) – (558-9124)
- LOUISVILLE WOMEN CHURCH – Meditation 1st & 3rd Sundays (473-8435)
- LOUISVILLE YOUTH GROUP – Friday nights (893-0788), [www.louisvilleyouthgroup.org](http://www.louisvilleyouthgroup.org)
- METRO SWEEP FOR ACCESS – 3rd Tuesday (895-0866 or 899-9261)
- METROPOLITAN HOUSING COALITION – 4th Wednesday (584-6858)
- MIGHTY KINDNESS – [mightykindness@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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)
- YOUNG DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISTS – every Friday at 2:30 PM (712-2338)

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.

Sept 14 (Mon) **DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER ISSUE OF FORsooth.** Contact **George Morrison, editor, at 454-2752, or [klm86@att.net](mailto:klm86@att.net).**

**Note: Please email new or updated calendar listings to [calendar.peace@gmail.com](mailto:calendar.peace@gmail.com), or call Nikki at 451-3402.**