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SEND EVENTS FOR MARCH CALENDAR before **3/18**: e-mail: calendar@mupj.org, or Carol Solomon, 8111 McDonogh Rd, Baltimore 21208 410-363-3140

***# = Items of Statewide Interest**

ONGOING/REPEATING EVENTS, SEE AFTER CALENDAR

MUPJ/Calendar website: www.mupj.org there thanks to Bob Lewis.

Also at www.dccofo.org click on MD United Calendar thanks to DC Committees of Correspondence

4/30/05 — SAVE THE DATE-- 20TH ANNUAL MARYLAND PEACE & JUSTICE CONFERENCE

Sponsored by Maryland United for Peace & Justice & the Frederick Peace Resource Center at the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Frederick
PLEASE NOTE: Morning sessions will be for working on current issues — email your top 10 choices to calendar@mupj.org

PREFER CALENDAR by email? Send your address to calendar@mupj.org. Then we can mail to more folks. If possible join or donate.

FEB is BLACK HISTORY MONTH

21-5 STOP CAFTA contact your legislator during the week Info David Waskow 202-222-0716 daskow@foe.org

25 TALK OF THE TOWN The Hiroshima-Nagasaki Commemoration Committee, FILM & SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS VIDEO SERIES AFSC, 4806 York Rd, **Baltimore** Doors open 7 PM, film 7:30 PM. Discussion follows. Info Max 410-323-7200

26-7 "BURMA, REALIZING THE DREAM" SECOND WORKING CONFERENCE OF THE US CAMPAIGN FOR BURMA George Washington Univ, 1957 E ST., NW **DC** Info www.uscampaignforburma.org/whatyoucando/conference.html 202-223-0300.

26 OUT OF OBSCURITY a film on protests against segregation 12:30PM Banneker-Douglas Museum, 84 Franklin St., **Annapolis**

26-3/27 IFCO PASTORS FOR PEACE CARAVAN TO CHIAPAS, MEXICO Info 212-926-5757 p4p@igc.org www.pastorsforpeace.org

27 NONVIOLENCE TRAINING The Pledge of Resistance-Baltimore 1-5PM AFSC, 4806 York Rd. , **Baltimore** To protest the supplemental budget & to commemorate the beginning of the war. Info Max at 410-323-7200 mobuszewski@afsc.org .

27 TEN DAYS THAT SHOOK THE WORLD film (BFU course) 3PM SEIU Union Hall, 611 N. Eutaw St. **Balto** Info Bob 410-728-8611 or michaelmelick@hotmail.com

27 CRITICAL MASS BIKE RIDE to show overdependence on private auto & a reclamation of space, a demonstration to show that the city belongs to people and not machines. 6-7PM Charles & Redwood Streets **Baltimore**. Info <http://rts-dc.mahost.org/>

27 POT-LUCK SUPPER FOR PASTORS FOR PEACE caravan to Chiapas 5:30-7:30PM Owen Brown Community Center, 6800 Cradlerock Way, **Columbia** (HoCoFoLA) Bring main dish Info Leslie <http://friendsoflatinamerica.org> 410-381-4899

28 WORLD PARLIAMENT OF FAITH organizing meeting **Baltimore**. An expression of faith across religious to be held 4/9. Gimme Shelter http://pages.ivillage.com/m_colasurdo/gimmeshelter.htm

28 MARYLANDERS FOR A FREE PALESTINE AND SECURE ISRAEL 7:30PM **Columbia** Info 410-461-2040.

MAR Is WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH Info <http://www.nwhp.org>

Throughout March Congress debates federal budget priorities. Contact your reps & tell them to shift military spending to human needs & roll back tax cuts.

1 A SOLDIER'S HEART on Frontline (PBS) The story of Falluga

1 CLASSES IN ISLAM, SUFISM. Cedar Lane UU Church. **Silver Spring** Fee Info Deborah Vollmer dvollmer@bellatlantic.net

1 "THE MIDDLE EAST AS SEEN THROUGH PALESTINE POSTER ART" with Dan Walsh. **Howard County** Cable TV Ch 73, 11AM, 3PM & 7PM Info Marylanders for a Free Palestine and Secure Israel, 410-461-2040 (Also March 8, 15, 22 & 29)

2 RALLY AT SUPREME COURT challenging the constitutionality of Ten Commandments display on gov property. First & Capitol NE **DC** Info rspeckhardt@americanhumanist.org

2 HEARING on Single Payer Universal Health Insurance bill (SB727), 1PM Senate Finance Comm., 3 East Miller Senate Building, 11 Bladen Street, **Annapolis** Info Ron, MD UHCAN 410-363-3140 peaceuhcan@comcast.net

2-4/27 "SOCIALISM & CLASS STRUGGLE" BFU course 7PM SEIU Union Hall, 611 N. Eutaw St. **Balto** Info Bob 410-728-8611 or michaelmelick@hotmail.com

3 **DC** ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK BROWN BAG LUNCH 12-1:30PM Friends of the Earth, 1717 Mass Avenue NW, Suite 600 (Dupont Circle Metro, South Exit) Info Chris Weiss (202) 222-0746 cweiss@foe.org - Bring Picture ID!

3 ETHICS & POLITICS OF STEM-CELL RESEARCH Ruth Faden 2PM The Centre Club, Legg Mason Tower, 15th Floor, Charles & Pratt Sts., **Baltimore** \$20 Info alumevents@jhu.edu

3 THE **BALTIMORE** KUCINICH IN 2004 MEETUP 7PM 1307 N Charles St Info 410-468-0002 denniskucinich.meetup.com/96/events/4171836/

4 FIRST FRIDAY FEMINIST POTLUCK 7PM **Baltimore** Info Eve 410-372-0848

5 CELEBRATING INT'L WOMEN'S DAY: A Brief History of Int'l Womens' Day & a Call to Action 1:30PM speakers Joan Drake & Shirley Pate 1:30PM Northwood Library, Loch Raven & E Cold Spring, **Baltimore** Info 410-254-1481 Open to the public

5 NEW YORK CONFERENCE ON TRAVEL TO CUBA 10AM-4PM John Jay College of Criminal Justice, North Hall Building, Lecture Hall 1311, 445 West 59th St, **New York** We must now launch an intensified campaign to take back our right to travel. IFCO/Pastors for Peace 212-926-5757 ifco@igc.org ybrigade@yahoo.com

5 GLOBAL COALITION FOR PEACE 1-3PM East-West Highway, **Bethesda** lunch & then speaker open to all Info Victor 301-654-6759 gcfp@earthlink.net

5 EARTHSAVE VEGETARIAN DINNER 6PM **Lutherville** (N Balto Co) Info Ginny 410-252-2703 or 410-252-3043 (\$4 with dish or \$12 if no dish)

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- 5-8 35TH ANNUAL SCHOLARS' CONFERENCE ON THE HOLOCAUST AND THE CHURCHES "New Threats and Sowing Seeds of Hope"
Philadelphia, PA Sponsored by St. Joseph's University info http://www.sju.edu/events/scholars_conference
- 6 Fellowship of Reconciliation Meeting **Baltimore** Info hpayne@email.smith.edu probably **2-4:30PM**
- 6 *SHIP OF FOOLS* film (BFU course) **3PM** SEIU Union Hall, 611 N. Eutaw St. **Balto** Info Bob 410-728-8611 or michaelmelick@hotmail.com
- 8-10 GLOBAL RECLAIMING COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT Univ. of **Cincinnati** Info cincyglobal@yahoo.com www.gepcoties.com/cincyglobal
- 8 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY / GLOBAL WOMEN'S STRIKE FOR PEACE
- 8 **ANNE ARUNDEL PEACE ACTION CHAPTER MEETING 7:30PM** Info Mike Keller 410-263-7409 mjkeller@worldnet.att.net
- 9-11 2005 CHILD WELFARE LEAGUE OF AMERICA (CWLA) national conference "Children 2005: Crossing the Cultural Divide" **DC** workshops specifically on LGBTQ youth issues. info <http://www.cwla.org/conferences/2005nationalrfrp.htm>
- 9 WORLD PARLIAMENT OF FAITH an expression of faith across religious boundaries Info pages.ivillage.com/m_colasurdo/gimmeshelter.htm
- 9 ENVIRONMENT 2005: THE BUSH RECORD, Water Issues, Local Impacts & How You Can Take Action. **Catonville** Women's Int'l League for Peace & Freedom Mt. Olivet Church Hall, 823 Edmondson Ave. **7:30PM** Info Phyllis Yingling 410-889-3185 or psyingling@aol.com
- 11 HARRIET TUBMAN: MOVE OR DIE (A Living history Presentation by Gwendolyn Briley-Strand) **1PM** 1000 Forest Glen Rd., **Silver Spring** Info MD Humanities Council Yvonne Stone 301-681-1255
- 11-4 MAKE ALL THINGS NEW Advocacy Days for Global Peace with Justice, the 3rd annual ecumenical gathering **DC** Info www.AdvocacyDays.org
- 12 TOWN HALL MEETING & MARCH **Baltimore**— UNION & STUDENTS speak out Info Sharon 410-235-7040 apcbaltimore@pipeline.com
- 12-4 FCNL & WILLIAM PENN HOUSE 2ND ANNUAL FAMILY WITNESS LOBBY DAYS **DC** Info Jennifer@fcnl.org 202-547-6000 x140 (800-630-1330)
- 13 ELECTION REFORM:PAPER TRAILS TruVote & HCCPJ: Paper Trails Speakers from Tru-Vote & others **2-4PM** Owen Brown Interfaith Center Info Barbara Zalesky bzalesky@comcast.net. Handicap Access
- 13 *VIVA ZAPATA!* film (BFU course) **3PM** SEIU Union Hall, 611 N. Eutaw St. **Balto** Info Bob 410-728-8611 or michaelmelick@hotmail.com
- 13 LIVING ROOM DIALOGUES with Jews and Palestinians **7PM Ellicott City** Info 410-461-2040
- 14-4 COMMEMORATION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARTYRDOM OF ARCHBISHOP OSCAR A. ROMERO San Salvador, US, & Rome
- 14 A BRIEF HISTORY OF IRAN forum presented by **Baltimore** Coalition To End War & Terrorism **7:30PM** Progressive Action Center, 1443 Gorsuch at Kirk Info peacenotwar@comcast.net or Bob 410-728-8611
- 14 "THE COLLAPSE OF HAITI: HOW IT HAS COME ABOUT AND WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT" **7:30PM** St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Bestgate & Severn Grove Roads near **Annapolis** Mall Anne Arundel Peace Action Info mkeller@mhec.state.md.us
- 14 COLUMBIA/BALTIMORE NONVIOLENCE STUDY GROUP **7:30PM** 3230 Bethany Lane, Suite 4 **Ellicott City** 410-203-0474
- 15 *Ring of Angels* by Britt Minshall BOOK DISCUSSION & SIGNING The unrest in Haiti leading to Aristide's removal and the recent uprising in Venezuela were presaged months before the fact in this politically hot book. **6PM Balto.** Enoch Pratt Free Library Main Branch, Edgar Allen Poe Room, Info Bob 410-728-8611 peacenotwar@comcast.net www.ringofangels.com 800-944-8023
- 15 INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST POLICE BRUTALITY Info Independent IDAPB Organizing Group-Vancouver, idadpb@lycos.com & <http://seattle.indymedia.org/en/2005/01/244065.shtml>
- 17 UNITED RELIGIOUS INITIATIVE for interfaith cooperation for world peace **7:30-9PM** Episcopal Cathedral, Charles & Univ. Pkwy. **Balto** Info 410-444-4784, David Cammack
- *18 **CALENDAR DEADLINE** for announcements & events for March issue MUPJ calendar
- 18 A CLASH OF IDENTITIES: DARFUR'S CRISIS IN THE NATIONAL CONTEXT Dr. Francis Deng, JHU/SAIS **2PM** JHU Applied Physics Lab. Parsons Auditorium, 11100 Johns Hopkins Rd., **Laurel** Info Laura 240-228-5625 or 443-778-5625 Laura.Mercer@jhuapl.edu
- 18 *Ring of Angels* by Britt Minshall BOOK DISCUSSION & SIGNING (see 3/15 for details). **4PM** Books-A-Million, B-3, 7000 Arundel Mills Circle, **Hanover** www.ringofangels.com 800-944-8023
- 18-20 NONVIOLENCE TRAINING: CREATING A CULTURE OF PEACE **DC** (Fellowship of Recon) Info Sonia Duerno 202-488-5613 regi@forusa.org
- 19 2ND ANNIVERSARY OF BEGINNING OF THE IRAQ WAR
- #19-20 GLOBAL DAY OF PROTEST (2nd ANNIVERSARY IRAQ WAR) Local actions nationwide 3/19 Info UFPJ www.unitedforpeace.org/events Post plans at www.unitedforpeace.org/events Info Virginia 443-996-5915 rodino@riseup.net For bus to NY from Baltimore 410-235-7040
- 19 **BALTIMORE** MARCH & RALLY TO STOP THE WAR **12NOON** St Peter Claver Church 1546 N Fremont Ave followed by march to symbol of militarism Info 410-837-3055, 800-837-3442 baltimoreantiwar@yahoo.com
- 20 **BALTIMORE** NATIONAL DAYS OF PROTEST for religious community Info Sharon 410-235-7040 apcbaltimore@pipeline.com
- 20 MARCH TO CENTRAL PARK the whole world will be marching www.PeopleJudgeBush.org
- 20 *PAUL ROBESON: HERE I STAND* film (BFU course) **3PM** SEIU Union Hall, 611 N. Eutaw St. **Balto** Info Bob 410-728-8611 or michaelmelick@hotmail.com
- 20 IRAQ & THE U.S. ADDICTION TO WAR: What is the Way Out? Forum & Panel Discussion **3-5PM** Oakland Mills Interfaith Center (The Meeting House), 5885 Robert Oliver Place, **Columbia** Erik Leaver, Institute for Policy Studies, Joel Andreas, Asst. Professor, JHU, Gilda Carbonara Military Families Speak Out Info Howard Co Coalition for Peace & Justice, Mary Ellen Atkinson, 410-992-3255, mewa42@aol.com
- 23 WORLD METEOROLOGICAL DAY (WMD) with theme of "Weather, climate, water and sustainable development" Info cpa@wmo.int
- 23 MONTGOMERY CO. COALITION FOR ALTERNATIVES TO WAR (MCCA) **7:30PM** Cedar Lane UU Church Rooms 30-31 **Bethesda** Info Megan 301-897-5389 mrenner22@yahoo.com www.montgomeryagainsthewar.org
- 24 The 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARTYRDOM OF ARCHBISHOP OSCAR A. ROMERO Info www.crispaz.org/anniv/anniv_mad.htm
- 24 MD UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACTION NETWORK meeting **7:15PM** for single payer universal health insurance Diocesan Center, N. Charles & University Pkwy. **Balto.** Info Rod 410-889-0329 rroy@towson.edu

- 27 SOCIAL SECURITY: SEPARATING FACT FROM SPIN **10:30AM Baltimore** Ethical Society, 306 W Franklin St. Info 410-581-2322
www.baltimoreethicalsociety.org
- 27 **THE WANNSEE CONFERENCE** film (BFU course) **3PM** SEIU Union Hall, 611 N. Eutaw St. **Balto** Info Bob 410-728-8611 or
michaelmelick@hotmail.com
- 31 CEASAR CHAVEZ DAY
- APRIL** Is MULTICULTURAL COMMUNICATIONS MONTH
LAST WEEK OF APRIL IS NATIONAL TV TURNOFF WEEK
- 1 WEAPONS OF THE SPIRIT (a French town against the Vichy Gov.) The Hiroshima-Nagasaki Commemoration Committee, FILM & SOCIAL
CONSCIOUSNESS TVIDEO SERIES, is showcasing films that deal with the theme CHALLENGING OPPRESSION! AFSC, 4806 York Rd,
Baltimore Doors open **7 PM**, film **7:30 PM**. Discussion follows. Info Max 410-323-7200
- 3 **THE FRONT** film (BFU course) **3PM** SEIU Union Hall, 611 N. Eutaw St. **Balto** Info Bob 410-728-8611 or michaelmelick@hotmail.com
- 8-10 NONVIOLENCE TRAINING RETREAT, "Transforming Violence into Wholeness." **Towson** Presbyterian Church, 400 West Chesapeake Ave.
Sponsored by the Presbytery of Baltimore's Peace and Justice Committee in association with the Fellowship of Reconciliation. Info Alice McGee
(410-433-2012) or Jeanne Ruddock (410-592-2906) Cost: \$60 (includes 6 meals)
- 9 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN'S INT'L LEAGUE FOR PEACE & FREEDOM CELEBRATION **11AM-3PM** Goucher College **Baltimore** Pres
of WILPF Int'l, Regina Bircherm, Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX) & performance by Vivienne Shub.
- 10 **NORMA RAE** film (BFU course) **3PM** SEIU Union Hall, 611 N. Eutaw St. **Balto** Info Bob 410-728-8611 or michaelmelick@hotmail.com
- 10-6 GLOBAL WEEK OF ACTION AGAINST CAFTA Organize an action. Info www.stopcafta.org
- 13 The DAY OF SILENCE Join over 100,000 students to PROTEST THE SILENCING OF LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL & TRANSGENDER people in
schools across the country. Info <http://www.dayofsilence.org>
- 15 TAX DAY. Local activities linking foreign and domestic policy issues, ideas from the War Resisters League how to mark this special day,
<http://www.warresisters.org/taxday>
- 15-7 "A Better World Is Not Just Possible, It Is Under Construction": MASS MOBILIZATION during spring meetings of World Bank & Int'l Monetary Fund
DC. Sponsor: Mobilization for Global Justice. Info mgi@riseup.net, www.globalizethis.org
- 16 MONTGOMERY COUNTY PEACE ACTION SPRING BREAKFAST **10AM** Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church, **Bethesda** Imad-al-Dean
Ahmad, pres Minaret of Freedom to speak on the Clash within Civilizations: Doves vs. Hawks, Jihadis vs. Wasatis (moderates) in the Muslim
world. Info MARJORIERAMPHAL@aol.com
- 16-8 FCNL YOUNG ADULT SPRING LOBBY WEEKEND **DC** Info Jennifer@fcnl.org 202-547-6000 x140 (800-630-1330)
- 17 **THE NASTY GIRL** film (BFU course) **3PM** SEIU Union Hall, 611 N. Eutaw St. **Balto** Info Bob 410-728-8611 or michaelmelick@hotmail.com
- 22 EARTH DAY
- 22-4 "TRANSFORMING VIOLENCE INTO WHOLENESS" **Catonsville** Presbyterian Church, 1400 Frederick Rd., Co-hosted with Hope & Hunting Ridge
Churches, Sponsored by Baltimore Presbytery Peace & Justice Comm. & the Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR), Nyack, New York, fee: \$60 (\$30 for
students) Info Jeanne Ruddock (410-592-2906) www.baltimorepresbytery.org. Space limited
- 22 A PLACE IN THE SUN The Hiroshima-Nagasaki Commemoration Committee, FILM & SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS TVIDEO SERIES, is
showcasing films that deal with the theme CHALLENGING OPPRESSION! AFSC, 4806 York Rd, **Baltimore** Doors open **7 PM**, film **7:30 PM**.
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- 23-30 NATIONAL TV TURNOFF WEEK
- 24 Z film (BFU course) **3PM** SEIU Union Hall, 611 N. Eutaw St. **Balto** Info Bob 410-728-8611 or michaelmelick@hotmail.com
- 27 CUBA ACTION DAY: JOIN THE MAJORITY! **DC** To gather those who oppose travel restrictions to speak out. Morning: Forum: "Who are the
victims of the travel ban?" Afternoon: hill visits Evening: reception/celebration Info cubatavel@ciponline.org
- 27 NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION for Immigrants Congressman Sensenbrenner has introduced a bill to build a wall on the border with Mexico &
eliminate driver license rights. Meet with reps **DC** Info Beatriz Maya at FLOC bmaya1@floc.com
- 29-5/2 MINDFREEDOM 2005 Action Conference & Protest American Univ. Washington College of Law **DC** Legal support for Grassroots Action for
Human Rights in the Mental Health System" Info David Oaks 541-345-9106 oaks@mindfreedom.org <http://mindfreedom.org/mindfreedom/act>
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20TH ANNUAL MARYLAND PEACE & JUSTICE CONFERENCE Sponsored by Maryland United for Peace & Justice
& the Frederick Peace Center at the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Frederick
SAVE THE DATE PLEASE SCHEDULE EVENTS ON A DIFFERENT DATE
Info Carol 410-363-3140 or Paulette phamm001@earthlink.net

- MAY**
- 13-5 2ND NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR MEDIA REFORM: GATHERING MOMENTUM **St. Louis** Info <http://www.freepress.net/conference>
- 23 "Welcome Home Party!" for Sister Carol Gilbert, from Jonah House, St. Peter Claver Church, 1546 N Fremont Ave **Balto** Info 410-233-6238
disarmnow@erols.com www.jonahhouse.org
- 27-9 AMERICAN-ARAB ANTI- DISCRIMINATION COMMITTEE (ADC)'s Silver Anniversary Convention. Celebrate ADC's 25 Years of Dedicated
Service to CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS **DC** Info adc@adc.org or <http://www.adc.org>

- JUNE**
- 10-2 SEEKING PEACE CONFERENCE outstanding range of speakers **Maple Ridge Bruderhof**, 10 Hellbrook Lane, **Ulster Park, NY** 12487 Info
Jeremy Scott: 845-339-6680 Fax: 845-339-6685 seekingpeace@bruderhof.com
- 16-8 NATIONAL LOW-INCOME IMMIGRANT RIGHTS CONFERENCE. develop strategies around core issues affecting low-income immigrants. **DC**.
Info: National Immigration Law Center, http://www.nilc.org/DC_Conf/dc-conf2005/index.htm
- 21-8 WORLD PEACE FORUM: Cities and Communities: Working Together to Stop War, and Build a World of Peace and Justice. , **Vancouver, B.C.**
Info <http://www.peace.ca/worldpeaceforumvancouver.htm> or admin@worldpeaceforum.ca

26-7/7 CONFERENCE ON SMALL ARMS & LIGHT WEAPONS for nongovernmental orgs. **NY** (UN sponsored)

JULY

5-8/1 16TH FRIENDSHIPMENT CARAVAN TO CUBA Info cucaravan@igc.org www.pastorsforpeace.org

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21 United Nations' INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

ONGOING EVENTS

Weekdays Sudan Campaign **12NOON** at Sudanese Embassy, 2210 Mass. Ave. NW **DC** Info 202-498-8644 www.darfurgenocide.org
Every Sunday THE PEACE CAFE at Mimi's American Bistro, 2120 P St., NW, **D.C.**, near the DuPont metro **9-11AM**. RSVP ashallal@cox.net.
Every Sunday Food Not Bombs provides vegan food & info for the hungry 4PM War Memorial Plaza **Balto** City Hall Fayette & Gay Sts. 410-243-4125, Free
Every Sunday the Bridges for Peace vigils in **Annapolis** and **Pasadena** continue from **NOON-1PM** Info www.peacebridges.org. signs may not be on sticks
or poles. If you are interested in standing on the Stoney Creek Bridge on Fort Smallwood Road in Pasadena [410-437-5379 or
depauw@magicalgodmother.com] that you will be coming. Activists are mounting bridges around the country www.peacebridges.org/
3rd Sunday Grandmothers for Peace - Maryland chapter **2PM** Owen Brown Interfaith Center, 7246 Cradlerock Way **Columbia** Info Deborah Matherly at
dwmatherly@aol.com or 410-730-6049
Sundays thru 4/24 "YES VIRGINIA THERE IS A CLASS STRUGGLE" FILM SERIES (Part 2) BFU course (see specific dates for titles) **3PM** SEIU
Union Hall, 611 N. Eutaw St. **Balto** Info Bob 410-728-8611 or michaelmelick@hotmail.com
1st & 3rd Sundays MEETING OF THE **FREDERICK** PEACE CENTER **7:30PM** 4E Church St, Info Gus Fahey 301-663-6617
Every Monday (Tues if holiday) there is a Vigil against militarism at the Pentagon **7-8AM** Info Art, Dorothy Day Catholic Worker 202-882-9649
Every Monday Eat & Talk potluck & discussion about the hungry, the homeless & refugees of the war on drugs. **3:30PM** **Balto** War Memorial Plaza 100 N
Holliday St. Info Environmental Crisis Center 410-889-1555
Every Monday there is a Witness against the Death Penalty **5-6PM** Madison Ave & the Fallsway, **Balto**. Viva House, Citizens Against State Exec., Campaign
to End the Death Pen. Info Terry Fitzgerald, 410-741-3436 TFitz@pol.net
1st Monday BALTIMORE/COLUMBIA NONVIOLENCE DISCUSSION GROUP **7:30-9PM** (first Monday of every month) 3230 Bethany Lane, Suite 4,
Ellicott City Info Ted Nunn 410-992-5838 to verify date/time or for more information.
2nd Mondays DEMOCRACY FOR HOWARD COUNTY Meetup **7PM** **Elkridge** Community Library, 6540 Washington Blvd (Meeting Room) Info
<http://dfa.meetup.com/138> or <http://www.democracyforhoward.com>, 410-313-5077
2nd & 4th Mondays Marylanders for a Free Palestine and Secure Israel **Columbia**, **5PM**. Info 410-461-2040
3rd Mondays Howard County Coalition for Peace & Justice (HCCPJ) **7:30PM** Owen Brown Interfaith Center, 7246 Cradlerock Way, **Columbia** Info:
Joanne Heisel 410-772-8548 or Leslie Salgado 410-381-4899).
3rd Mondays **Balto. County** Greens **7PM** Ruby Tuesday, 401 York Rd. Info Dave Goldsmith dave@pchs.net 410-480-5256
3rd Mondays **Frederick** Peace Resource Center Bd Meeting **7:30-9PM** 4 E Church St Info 301-663-6117
Every Tuesday WE MUST STOP THIS WAR coalition meeting **7PM** UNITE HERE Mid-Atlantic Region, 9 W. Mulberry Street, **Balto**. Info 410-837-
3055, 800-837-3442 baltimoreantiwar@yahoo.com
Every Tuesday: "Building Peace for Israelis and Palestinians" TV program. **Howard County**.
Every Tues silent vigil to say "War is not the Answer" **5-6PM** American Friends Service Comm, 4806 York Rd. Info 410-323-7200 **Balto**
Every Tues AFSC/QUAKER SILENT VIGIL to "Seek peace & pursue it" **5:30-6:30PM** west lawn of capitol at & Independence Ave NW) **DC** Info Pat Elder
elder@chesapeake.net
Every Tues discuss peaceful alternatives to attacking Iraq **7-9PM** Wm Penn House, 515 E Capital St, SE **DC** Info Byron 202-543-5560, Betty 202-299-1050
Every Tuesday **DC** Anti-War Network meets **7PM** AFSC Office, 2211 14th Street, NW Info www.dawndc.net info@dawndc.net
1st Tues PLEDGE OF RESISTANCE-**Baltimore** **8PM** AFSC, 4806 York Rd Info 410-323-7200
2nd Tues Vigil **NOON-1PM** at the Embassy of Israel, Van Ness Ave. at Int'l Dr **DC** To protest restrictions on nuclear whistleblower Mordechai Vanunu &
demand an end to the occupation of Palestine. Info Art, Dorothy Day Catholic Worker 202-882-9649.
3rd Tuesday **UNITED RELIGIOUS INTERFAITH INITIATIVE FOR PEACE** Episcopal Cathedral, Charles & University Prky, **Baltimore** **7:30-9PM** Info David
Commack 410-552-9475
2nd & 4th Tuesdays Coalition Against Global Exploitation meets at the Progressive Action Center, 1443 Gorsuch Ave. 7:30PM **Baltimore**
4th Tuesday Prince George Co Coalition for Peace, **7:30PM**, **Greenbelt** Community Center, Info Lucy Duff 301-577-2350
4th Tuesday Middle Patuxent Environmental Area **Howard Co** 9:30AM-Noon Educational & work Info Aylene Gard 410-992-9889 or rmhessey@umd.edu
Every Wed **Baltimore** Food not Bombs Vegan food & info for the hungry **11AM-4PM** City Hall, Fayette & Gay Sts Info 410-243-4125 free
Every Wed. Justice For The Haitian People **12Noon-1:30PM** Haitian Embassy, 2311 Mass. Ave., NW **DC** Info Eugenia 301-871-6082
Wednesdays thru 4/27 "SOCIALISM & CLASS STRUGGLE" BFU course **7PM** SEIU Union Hall, 611 N. Eutaw St. **Balto** Info Bob 410-728-8611 or
michaelmelick@hotmail.com
3rd Wed **Frederick** Women in Black Vigil . **6:30-7PM** Market & Patrick Sts, Info wibfrederick@earthlink.net 301-834-7581
3rd Wed. Interfaith Fairness Coalition **7:30PM** Faith Presbyterian Church, 4500 Loch Raven Blvd., **Baltimore** Info info@ifcm.org www.ifcmd.org
Last Wed. **Howard County Friends of Latin Am.** meets to plan activities **7:30PM** Info 301-596-7877 or 410-381-4899.
Every Thurs. WOMEN IN BLACK PEACE STAND **NOON-1PM** **Towson** N. Balto Co NW on Washington & Chesapeake Aves. Mbrain@aol.com
1st & 3rd Thur. Baltimore Independent Media Center collective at the Progressive Action Center, 1443 Gorsuch in Waverly, **7:30PM** **Baltimore**. Info
www.baltimore.indymedia.org
2nd Thurs Pledge of Resistance protests the war & occupation in Mt. Vernon at Centre & Charles Sts. **5-6:30PM** Info Max 410-323-7200
2nd & 4th Thur **Baltimore City** Greens **7PM** Progressive Action Center, 1433 Gorsuch Ave.. Info www.baltimoregreens.org or email
office@baltimoregreens.org or call 410-662-8169.
Every Thurs peace prayers & discussion on peace issues St. Mark's Lutheran 1900 St. Paul St. **Balto** **5:45-6:30PM** Info john19@unidial.com

Every Thurs Volunteer Night with Md for Health Care. SEIU State Council Office, 605 N. Eutaw St, **Baltimore 6:30PM** Info Ezekiel 443-224-0606 or email at Ezekiel@imahealthcarevoter.org

Every Thurs Grass Roots Political Meeting on current issues **7PM** All People's Congress, 426 E. 31st St., **Baltimore** Info 410-235-0135

Every Friday Peace Vigil **Noon-1PM** near White House, 1600 Penn. Ave. NW **DC** Info Catholic Worker 202-882-9649

Every Friday: Women in Black vigils Inner Harbor, **Noon**, Pratt and Light streets & Roland Park Place, **noon** unless bad weather

Every Friday Peace Vigil **12NOON** War Memorial Plaza, **Frederick** sponsored by Women in Black

Every Fri vigil to negotiate Peace in the Middle East **5-6PM** Homewood Friends Info 410-323-7200 **Balto**

For Info on Women in Black PEACE STANDS in **Baltimore** www.peacepath911.com

Every Friday **Takoma Park** Peace Vigil @ Takoma Junction 5:30PM

Every Friday WOMEN IN BLACK vigil **5:30-6:30PM DC** at Farragut Square Park, 17th & K Sts. NW Info 202-550-5881 or womeninblackdc@yahoo.com

First Friday **Frederick** WIB peace stand at **NOON-12:30PM** at the War Memorial Plaza. W. 2nd & N Bentz Sts. Info 301-834-7581 (Dress in black)

1st & 3rd Friday Marylanders for a Free Palestine & Secure Israel, **10AM**, Blue Cow Café, Thunder Hill Rd., **Columbia** Info 410-465-3493

Last Friday of month cyclists meet at Charles and Redwood Sts **Balto 5:45PM**. Critical Mass is a slow bicycle protest through downtown Baltimore.

Critical Mass a response to what many call the "car-culture"-dependence on the private auto. Scottl44@yahoo.com

Last Sat of month Women in Black peace stand **2-4PM** Main St., **Westminster**

Sats DRIVING VOTES (coordinated trips to register voters in nearby swing states) Info Margie Roswell 410-467-3727 <http://www.drivingvotes.org>

Saturdays peace vigil weekly on Capitol Hill. **NOON-1:00PM** on the south side (the side facing the National Mall, just up hill from the Botanical Garden).

Last Sat: **Westminster, 2 PM**, Front of Library on Main St., Westminster, MD

1st Sat. Invasive Plant Removal **Greenbelt** National Park Info Tom Crone tomnjan@erols.com 301-864-1959

1st Sat. Global Coalition for Peace, **1-3PM**, East-West Highway, **Bethesda**, starts with lunch & then speaker, open to all, Info Victor 301-654-6759

3rd Sat. invasive plant removal **St Mary's Co** Myrtle Point Park 8-11:30AM Info Bill Burruss billymilkweed@starpower.net

1st Sat even months WORLD FEDERALIST NATIONWIDE TELECONFERENCE **1-2:30** Groups at Fairhaven, 7200 3rd Ave., **Sykesville** Info 410-552-9475 Dr Palmer Fitcher, 13801 York Rd, Broadmead #D11 (**Balto Co** North) 410-785-1041

Every Sat. Patapsco Friends Meeting vigil, **Columbia 4-5PM** Broken Land Pkwy & Little Patuxent Pkwy, diagonal from Mall Info 410-465-6554

NUCLEAR NEWS

Petition for a **Sustainable Energy Future** can be signed on line at <http://www.nirs.org>. A Colorado legislator will introduce a bill requiring managers of the **Rocky Flats** nuclear weapons factory to warn visitors of **potential dangers** once it is converted to a wildlife refuge. Info <http://www.denverpost.com/Stories/0,1413,36%7E61%7E2636327,00.html>

The **Nuclear Power 2010 program** will give 1.1 billion dollars for the production of hydrogen fuel & 2.7 billion for research & development of **new reactors** under the. Info NIRS, 1424 16th Street, NW, Suite 404, DC 20036. www.nirs.org 202-328-0002, nirsnet@nirs.org

Contact the EPA Today to **STOP Radioactive Waste** from going to regular Landfills. Keep up the pressure. We don't want the gov. to find an easy way to dispose of their waste. Email to: a-and-r-Docket@epa.gov Attn: Docket OAR-2003-0095 More information about this issue is available on the ANA webpage www.ananuclear.org, the Natural Resources Defense Council webpage: www.nrdc.org or NIRS 202-328-0002 X16 dianed@nirs.org

For info on Gulf war syndrome & depleted uranium effects www.fromthewilderness.com/free/ww3/091003_gw2_syndrome.html

Nuclear Age Peace Foundation list of **nuclear bills** & their position S(support) O(oppose) HR3828-O, HR3921-S, HCon441-O, S2457-S, HR4627-S, 2310-S, HR2647-S, SRes77-S, HConRes392-S Info <<http://www.wagingpeace.org/menu/action/index.htm>

Contact your Reps concerning **energy bill** pork for the nuclear, coal and oil industries will be pushed in Congress. Expect taxpayer funding of new commercial atomic reactors, oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, reauthorization of the Price-Anderson limited liability for nuclear utilities—maybe even a new effort to establish Yucca Mountain as an "interim" radioactive waste storage site, and more. Info on **nuclear energy** situation NIRS 202-462-0002 www.nirs.org

Info on Global Network Against **Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space** 352-337-9274 or www.space4peace.org or globalnet@mindspring.com

OTHER NOTES

Asked about the possibility of military strikes in Iran, President Bush said he hoped he could "solve it diplomatically," but the administration continues to abstain from European talks designed to halt the country's nuclear ambitions.

A study made by the US Army said the real number (close to 100,000 soldiers with mental disorders) due to the war has not been revealed yet. The int'l press reported the total number of US casualties in Iraq & Afghanistan between 42,000 and 142,000. Article Prensa Latina, Havana <http://www.plenglish.com>

The director of the National Institutes of Health describing consulting payments from drug companies as a "systemic problem" that threatened the integrity of his agency has called for a summit of government and academic leaders to address conflicts of interest throughout American medical research.

The Voting Integrity and Verification Act" (VIVA, H.R. 704). info http://capwiz.com/pdamerica/mail/oneclick_compose/?alertid=6942056

Support Holt's HR 550 for the technical, and add Conyers' HR 533 for the civil rights. Besides H.R. 533, Conyers has introduced H.R. 63, the Democracy Day Act of 2005 making election day a public holiday, and he will be introducing a bill that gives ex-offenders the right to vote. info@pdamerica.org

The Church of the Brethren has agreed to **Revive 'Alternative Service' Draft Programs** Info www.beliefnet.com/story/158/story_15893_1.html

Is there already an **Economic Draft**?

See Christian Science Monitor poll on US-based churches **divesting from Israel** at www.csmonitor.com/2004/1206/p11s02-lire.htm | Several faith-based groups oppose a Republican-sponsored **immigration & border security bill** linked with spending package for Iraq War

Farmers in Iraq have been saving seeds for almost 10,000 years. Now the US is banning the ancient practice & requiring Iraqi farmers to buy seeds annually from Monsanto. Info http://www.vegsource.com/articles2/iraq_seeds.htm

STOP CAFTA contact your legislator during the week of Feb. 21-25 Info David Waskow 202-222-0716 dwaskow@foe.org Join AFSC's Stop the CAFTA Vote Campaign. Subscribe to its email list at <http://afsctrade.c.topica.com/maac94Cab4znaaaaaacadH9AB/>. The proposed Central Amer Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) will discriminate against the poor and vulnerable, hurt workers, and stifle democracy, the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) is working to stop it in Congress. The way to defeat CAFTA---have your representative take a public position against it & help prevent the trade agreement from ever coming to a vote.

Invite an AFSC Trade Matters staff member to speak in your community. Go to <http://afsctrade.c.topica.com/maac94Cab41S9aaaaaacadH9AB/> or email trade@afsc.org.

Rep. Dave Camp, a Mich Republican, proposed a bill to offer tax credits of between \$600 & \$4,000 per hybrid vehicle, depending on the model & the energy-saving technology used. The current one-time federal tax deduction drops to \$500 next year & will be phased out in 2007.

Fair Share Health Care (SB790) to require businesses with over 10,000 employees to contribute at least 8 of their payroll towards health care coverage or pay the difference into a state fund. Maryland taxpayers foot the largest portion of the bill by paying for government health care assistance programs for the employees of these larger businesses. Info Kim Nelson 410-736-1719 kim@imahealthcarevoter.org

This summer, the U.S. Congress will be asked to pass a law to "harmonize" the U.S. to the other World Trade Organization countries and make access to most natural substances illegal.

To protect farm workers from pesticide poisoning Farm Worker Pesticide Project, 206-729-0498, PANNA.

U.S. human rights groups are concerned over reports that the Bush administration is preparing to renew the Indonesian armed forces' eligibility to participate in a key training program despite continuing reports of abuses committed by the army in the tsunami-devastated province of Aceh.

Tell your members of Congress that you oppose the **Federal Marriage Amendment**.

Canadian Unions are expected to organize a **boycott of Wal-Mart** after it announced the closure of a unionized Quebec store.

A bipartisan group of senators is trying to stop the Bush administration from making **food sales to Cuba** more difficult. Neb. Sen. Ben Nelsons with Sens. Max Baucus (D-MT), Larry Craig (R-ID), & 17 additional cosponsors, Senator Nelson cosponsored a bill to facilitate the sale of agricultural products to Cuba as authorized by the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000. To dump the travel ban www.globalexchange.org

Brazil has signed into law "**Citizen's Basic Income**" legislation, with the concept that an unconditional & guaranteed minimum income is the simplest & most effective step toward the eradication of poverty.

Maryland Clean Cars Bill HB366, SB564 to set tougher vehicle emissions standards for cars sold in Maryland. Info 301-920-1644 josh@chesapeakeclimate.org

Four bills have been introduced in the Md Legislature, including HB 107 in the House of Delegates & the nearly identical SB 9 in the Senate. These two bills specifically call for an "accessible **voter-verified paper audit trail**" to allow voters to view & verify a paper ballot Info erobbins@jhu.edu

Learn more about the **Smart Security** series -- Business Leaders for Sensible Priorities Info 410-254-6069 www.sensiblepriorities.com

Md legislators are considering an attempt to enshrine discrimination against same-sex couples into the state constitution -- despite the fact that Md law already defines marriage as being between a man and a woman. Info ACLU

COMMENTS NEEDED BY 3/7 on **forest planning** on propositions to exempt forest management plans from environmental review & public input under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Detailed analysis www.americanlands.org/documents/1105739275_NFMA_FINALREGS.pdf To USDA Content Analysis Team, Attention: Planning CE, P.O. Box 22777, Salt Lake City, UT 84122 Fax: 801.517.1015 randispivak@americanlands.org

For info on which **companies** to support or boycott for their **political donations** Very interesting www.choosetheblue.com If each American spent \$100 in 2005 on products to support corporations that donated over 50% to republicans or democrat \$5 billion in revenues would be shifted

Learn more about Unitarian Univ. Service Comm's STOP (**Stop Torture Permanently**) Campaign. Interview with STOP director Jennifer Harbury at www.uusc.org/info/article113004.html.

To get involved, in the **The World Peace Puzzle** go to <http://www.thebigpuzzle.com> and download a template for your piece of the puzzle. Decorate it, paste it onto a cardboard backing and mail it in (all the instructions are on the website). So far they have 20,000 pieces.

Spain's **Catholic bishops** have **defied Vatican** dogma on contraception by accepting for the first time the use of condoms to prevent the spread of Aids. <http://news.independent.co.uk/europe/story.jsp?story=602577>

Summer **peace camp for children**: Kids for Peace Info 410-418-4195

THE PEACE ALLIANCE is lobbying to create a U.S. **Department of Peace**. <http://www.DoPcampaign.org> Info www.ivaw.net
89.3 WPFW-FM **Pacifica Radio** Recommended listening: **Amy Goodman**, Democracy Now 8-10AM, news & other good programming 6-7PM; Mondays & Fridays 10-11AM **Ambrose Lane** & more. Station may be difficult to receive at home, but you can usually get it in your car.

Air America Radio began broadcasting on **WWRC AM-1260** in DC. The station will carry Air America's Al Franken, Randi Rhodes & Janeane Garofalo, as well as other syndicated progressives. See <http://www.progressivetalk1260.com/>

To get info on **Wildlife and Forest Coalition** of Md. (WFC of Maryland) to pursue legislation to improve wildlife habitat & the prospects of survival for all species of plants & animals. Info Bob DeGroot at 301-340-8348 or Julie Janovsky at 202-955-3661.

Pacifica affiliate www.nyc.indymedia.org/wbix/ 202-588-0893 It's available on the web at www.wmnf.org.

Live streaming of Air America Radio shows, along with show archives, will be available on www.airamericaradio.com

Support the **True Vote MD** bill to clean up voting problems.

Iraq Veterans against the War Info www.veteransforcommonsense.org/discussion/viewforum.php?f=7

Info on Baltimore Tikkun chapter shel030351@yahoo.com or cleight@moac.morgan.edu.

The Christian Solidarity International (CSI) **demonstrations** and arrests continue at **Sudan Embassy** Info www.darfurgenocide.org. 202-498-8644.

Progressive Democrats of America PDA info <http://dfa.meetup.com>

The ACLU of Maryland is celebrating a legislative agenda win as **Ehrlich's veto of open meetings bill is overridden!**

For info on the **Maryland Juvenile Justice Coalition** concerned for the children locked in MD's juvenile jails Cameron Miles at 410-547-9200 X 3002

For info on a **Nonviolent Communication group** in the Columbia/DC/Mont. County area Info groups.yahoo.com/group/NVCMD/

For info on DEMOCRACY FOR HOWARD CO MEETUP 410-313-5077 RSVP

<http://dfa.meetup.com/138/events/?eventId=3287307&action=detail>

For info Future Voters Against Bush group for youth <http://www.futurevotersagainstbush.org>

For info on The Human Rights Network Eliane Drakopoulos 678-371-6291 www.ushrn.org.

For a list of humanitarian websites see http://uk.geocities.com/p_rance/Humanitarian.htm

See action alerts from FOR at www.forusa.org or send info to iraq@forusa.org

Classes of all types **SALSA from Inst. For Policy Studies**, 733 15th St., NW, **DC** Suite 1020 Info 202-234-9382 x229 fax 387-7915

Learn more about **Radio LabourStart** a new labor station www.radio.labourstart.org

For info on the **BALTIMORE CHAPTER OF NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD** Patricia Mitchell 443-824-3273 info@nlq-md.org
patricia@nlq-md.org

BETHESDA CHEVY CHASE AGAINST WAR events in Mont. & PG Counties Info Pat Elder 301-229-8317 elder@chesapeake.net

For info on RAW FOOD POTLUCKS Marjorie Roswell, mroswell@charm.net Conserve land, energy, & water resources. Recipe ideas www.rawfoods.com/recipes/. Call 410-467-3727. www.rawbaltimore.com or Jeanne 410-628-2449 jbadlato1@juno.com

For info on **gun legislation CeaseFire** Md, 410- 889 1477; 301-652 4494 (home); CeaseFireMD@aol.com; leahgbarrett@aol.com

Check www.thomas.loc.gov/ from the Library of Congress for **up-to-date info on bills** & their status.

The Whistleblower's Switchboard www.angelfire.com/extreme/harassment

Info on **Leonard Peltier** www.freepeltier.org Info on **Mumia Abu-Jamal** www.mumia2000.org.

Info on **Washington Peace Center** www.washingtonpeacecenter.org/; ANSWER www.internationalANSWER.org/; MOVE-ON www.moveon.org/winwithoutwar/

For info on "Women in Black" group in Takoma Park Info Ann ablyberg@iie.org

For info on **Interfaith Global Warming Alliance** 410-730-1770

Vegetarian Resource Group has guide to Natural Foods Restaurants. Info www.vrg.org/test/restaurant.htm

Info on **Maryland Interfaith Legislative Committee** Beryl Smith 410-647-0316.

AMNESTY INT'L. To learn about Balto. locals, call 410-358-4840. (1st Mon. of month 7:30PM)

HOTLINES

Central America Legislative HOTLINE (202) 543-2282
Friends Committee on Nat'l Legislation. (800) 630-1330
Peace PAC (nuclear arms news) (202) 543-0006
PEACE ACTION Legislative HOTLINE (202) 862-9760
Quixote Center. (301)699-0042

*Senate/House Switchboard (202) 224-3121
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