

MARYLAND UNITED FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE  
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FEBRUARY 2006

##April 29 **SAVE THE DATE** "CREATING A CULTURE OF PEACE" MD Peace & Justice Conference **Baltimore**  
Info Carol 410-363-3140 [peacecalendar@comcast.net](mailto:peacecalendar@comcast.net)  
**Tax deductible donations can be made to MUPJ-Institute for Positive Action (See form on back page)**

Send **MAR** Calendar Events by **2/19** to: [calendar@mupj.org](mailto:calendar@mupj.org) or Carol Solomon, 8111 McDonogh Rd., Baltimore 21208

# = Items of Statewide Interest **MUPJ/Calendar website:** [www.mupj.org](http://www.mupj.org) thanks to Bob Lewis.

**PREFER CALENDAR** by email? Send your address to [calendar@mupj.org](mailto:calendar@mupj.org).

**SEE ONGOING EVENTS FOLLOWING MONTHLY CALENDAR LISTINGS**

# A "virtual march" on Washington to stop global warming has been proceeding across the country highlighting how global warming is and will affect us if we don't act now. Add your name to this march by going to [www.stopglobalwarming.org](http://www.stopglobalwarming.org).

**JANUARY**

CALL CONGRESS 800-426-8073

MD LEGISLATURE Info on your delegates 410-841-3000

Stop the **PLANNED NUKING OF IRAN** Congress should enact emergency legislation. Multiple pieces of independent evidence suggest that US is embarked on a premeditated path Info <http://www.counterpunch.org/petras12242005.html> (see related article on p. 4 of enclosed MUPJ newsletter)

NOW has a **PEOPLE'S PETITION FOR AN IRAQ PEACE PROCESS: Bring Them Home Safely & Soon** send by **January 30** Info [http://www.now.org/issues/peace/iraq\\_petition.html](http://www.now.org/issues/peace/iraq_petition.html)

A death warrant has been signed to schedule the **execution** of Vernon L. Evans Jr. the **week of 2/6**.

Through 9/3 **RACE, CLASS, GENDER DOES NOT EQUAL CHARACTER 10AM-6PM** Tues-Sun American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy, **Baltimore**

27 **QUESTIONS ABOUT VEGETARIAN OR VEGAN NUTRITION, MARK RIFKIN, MS, RD, LDN**, will be available from 3-6PM E.S.T. to answer your questions address your concerns by phone. To reserve a 15-minute time slot, call or email the VRG office 410-366-8343 [vrg@vrg.org](mailto:vrg@vrg.org).

27 **BROTHER OUTSIDER: THE LIFE OF BAYARD RUSTIN** [USA, 2002] FILM & SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS VIDEO SERIES, RESISTING OPPRESSION. 7:30 PM at AFSC. 1406 York Rd. **Baltimore** discussion afterwards, no charge, refreshments available. Info 410-323-7200

28 **WORDS THAT WORK WORKSHOP** with Dr. Jeffery Feldman, PhD **9:30AM-4:30PM** Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center, 4805 Edgemoor Lane, Meeting Room A, **Bethesda**. Directions / Map: <http://tinyurl.com/btusy> (Close to Bethesda Metro Stop on the Red Line) \$75 includes all materials, lunch & breaks Info & to register [www.passiontopersuasion.com](http://www.passiontopersuasion.com)

28 **DEMONSTRATION AGAINST THE EXECUTION OF VERNON EVANS 2PM**, Governor's Mansion **Annapolis** by Baltimore Coalition Against the Death Penalty Info 410-323-7200

28 **DAY OF ACTION TO BUILD SUPPORT FOR THE HEALTHY AIR ACT & POWER PLANT REGULATION Baltimore** TBA soliciting support from businesses, putting up "Healthy Air Now" posters and lawn signs, getting letters written and more! Further details, such as time & location, will be posted as they develop. Info Claire Douglas Climate Action Network 301-891-6726. [CCAN@democracyinaction.org](mailto:CCAN@democracyinaction.org)

29 "THE POLITICS OF RACIAL INEQUALITY" Joe Pettit, Morgan State Professor **10: Baltimore 30AM Baltimore** Ethical Society, 306 W Franklin Info 410-581-2322

28 **FIRST-EVER HYBRID CAR RALLY IN VA** The Bell Tower Info Claire Douglas Climate Action Network 301-891-6726. [CCAN@democracyinaction.org](mailto:CCAN@democracyinaction.org)

29 **FRIENDS COMM. ON NAT'L LEG SENIOR FELLOWS** for Iraq policy **12:30PM** following worship Bethesda Friends Meeting, Sidwell Friends Lower School, Edgemoor Lane & Beverly Rd., **Bethesda**. Sponsor BFM Peace & Social Justice Committee Directions [www.bethesdafriends.org](http://www.bethesdafriends.org) Info Ralph & Liz Hofmeister 301-229-6341 [hofmeister@earthlink.net](mailto:hofmeister@earthlink.net)

28-9 **SOCIAL JUSTICE RETREAT** in **Shade Gap, PA** by the Grassroots Coalition for Environmental & Economic Justice, HCR 83, Box 881, Shade Gap, PA, 17255, 814-259-3372 [grassroots5@juno.com](mailto:grassroots5@juno.com) (Retreats every month)

29 **THE POLITICS OF RACIAL INEQUALITY** Joe Pettit, Assistant Professor of Philosophy & Religious Studies, Morgan State U Racism as a problem of laws & policies that perpetuate racial inequality **Baltimore** Ethical Society, Congress Hotel, 306 W. Franklin St. Info 410-581-2322

29 **FCNL SENIOR FELLOWS WILL DISCUSS IRAQ POLICY 12:30 PM**, following worship at Bethesda Friends Meeting, Edgemoor Lane & Beverly Rd., **Bethesda**. Directions [www.bethesdafriends.org](http://www.bethesdafriends.org). Contact Ralph & Liz Hofmeister 301-229-6341 [hofmeister@earthlink.net](mailto:hofmeister@earthlink.net).

29 **NOAM CHOMSKY V. ALAN DERSHOWITZ: Video presentation of A DEBATE** on "ISRAEL AND PALESTINE AFTER DISENGAGEMENT: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?" **2PM** Howard County Central Library, 10375 Little Patuxent Pkwy, **Columbia** (Enter parking lot from South Entrance Rd.) Free Sponsored by: Howard County Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation [HCCEIO@yahoo.com](mailto:HCCEIO@yahoo.com)

#30 **FORUM ON THE IMPEACHMENT OF PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH & VICE PRESIDENT DICK CHENEY NOON-2PM**. (Get there early to order lunch), Bus Boys & Poets, 14<sup>th</sup> and V Streets, NW, **DC** Cindy Sheehan, Gold Star Families for Peace, Ann Wright, former DoD and State Department Official, David Swanson, Citizens Impeachment Commission, Ralph Nader, Consumer Advocate, Ramsey Clark, former U.S. Attorney General, Marcus Raskin, Institute for Policy Studies, Kevin Zeese, Democracy Rising, moderator Audience questions will be part of the event. **Sponsored by:** Democracy Rising with After Downing Street/Censure Bush, Backbone Campaign, Democrats.com, ImpeachPAC, & Progressive Democrats of America. Info Kevin Zeese, Director, Democracy Rising 202-232-7112 [KZeese@DemocracyRising.US](mailto:KZeese@DemocracyRising.US).

30 **TORTURE AND THE LAWS OF WAR IN THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM 6:30PM** Join WAMU 88.5 FM, America Abroad Media and New York University's Center on Law and Security live town hall discussion on "Torture And The Laws Of War In The Fight Against Terrorism" Ronald Reagan Building. **DC** open to the public and will be taped for later broadcast on WAMU 88.5 FM. Kojo Nnamdi, *The Kojo Nnamdi Show*, WAMU Marvin Kalb, America Abroad Media Info [www.wamu.org](http://www.wamu.org)

30 Early bird registration ends for 2006 TOUR DE SOL: see 5/10-

31 Volunteer applications for training session (March 4, 2006) accepted for MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST Easement Monitor to travel to easement properties, meets with the landowner, tour the property, & photographs improvements, landscapes and environmental features. Afterwards you will complete a monitoring inspection form of findings and compliance with easement restrictions. Info Megan Sines, Maryland Environmental Trust, Crownsville, MD. 410-514-7915 [MSines@dnr.md.state.us](mailto:MSines@dnr.md.state.us)

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- 31 TV Program: "BUILDING PEACE FOR JEWS & PALESTINIANS," Cable Channel 73, Howard County. **11AM, 3PM, 7PM**. Produced by Marylanders for a Free Palestine and Secure Israel. Info 410-461-2040
- 31 RELIGIOUS VIGIL AGAINST TORTURE The night of the President's State of the Union Address) **5-6:30PM** Mass Ave& 34th Sts across the street from the Vice President's House The Naval Observatory **DC** Sponsored by: River Road Unitarian Church Social Justice Council Info Linda Gustitus at 202-363-3928 [linda.gustitus@yahoo.com](mailto:linda.gustitus@yahoo.com)
- 31 "LIVE FROM DEATH ROW" WITH VERNON EVANS **7PM** at Grace Memorial Baptist Church, corner of Chase and Eden Sts. **Baltimore** Info [www.StopExecutionsInMaryland.org](http://www.StopExecutionsInMaryland.org). The execution date for Vernon is set for the week of Feb. 6. So there is much work to do.
- 31 GEORGE BUSH STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS followed by the Democratic response Host a Watch Party that night. Info <http://www.democrats.org/events/create>

**FEBRUARY**

- FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH
- 3 The View from the Center, AFSC National Staff Members Talk about their Work Today, hosted by AFSC-Baltimore. Joyce Miller, Assistant General Secretary for Justice & Human Rights your thoughts & recommendations about this valuable work & partnership. **7PM** at Stony Run Friends Meeting House, 5116 N. Charles St. **Baltimore** Info 410-323-7200 [www.stonyrunfriends.org](http://www.stonyrunfriends.org).
- 2/3-3/12Play: "THE MURDER OF ISAAC." challenges our compulsion to harm and celebrating our capacity to heal. Centerstage. [www.centerstage.org](http://www.centerstage.org)
- 3 RECEPTION FOR FILM MAKER ESTELA BRAVO **7-9PM** The Cork Factory, 302 E. Federal St., **Baltimore** light dinner, silent auction & 5-minute trailer of Estela's film project: "Who am I? The Found Children of Argentina \$10 to defray the dinner cost but please make an additional donation to finish this important film. Contributions are tax-deductible made out to: Public Media Inc. place "Found Children" on memo line. Mail donations & RSVP to: Carol Higgs, 1601 Guilford Avenue, 4-south, Baltimore, MD 410-837-0919, 202.232.8845 (DC) or [ghdesign@hers.com](mailto:ghdesign@hers.com)
- 3-5 9TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ORGANIZED RESISTANCE Mary Graydon Center. American University, **DC** (map of campus <http://www.american.edu/maps/campus.htm>) Info [www.organizedresistance.org](http://www.organizedresistance.org) \$10 advance \$12 at door Mass housing info [www.wmata.org](http://www.wmata.org)
- 4 WOMEN IN BLACK MEETING **9:30AM** Roland Park Pl. **Baltimore** Discussion will include the 2005 Peace Path among other issues. Info [www.peacepath911.com](http://www.peacepath911.com) email [wibaltimore@hotmail.com](mailto:wibaltimore@hotmail.com).
- 4 PROTEST NEAR DEATH ROW **2 PM** Supermax prison, Madison & Fallsway, **Baltimore**. Call the governor 410-974-3901 or email him [governor@gov.state.md.us](mailto:governor@gov.state.md.us) to stop the execution of Vernon Evans.
- 4 READING OF THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES **7PM** **Baltimore** Ethical Society Congress Hotel, 306 W Franklin Info 410-581-2322 proceeds to local organizations
- 4 RECEPTION FOR FILM MAKER ESTELA BRAVO **4-6PM** Busboys & Poets 14 & V Sts. NW, **DC** [www.busboysandpoets.com](http://www.busboysandpoets.com)
- 5 GENERATIONS FOR PEACE AND DEMOCRACY SERIES ON SUSTAINABILITY: STUDY & ACTION **2:30-5PM** Current Initiatives for Greening Baltimore Communities Panel includes Baltimore City Council Green Bldg Task Force & report from World Social Forum Cork Gallery, 302 E Federal St. (Green door) Buzzer #9 **Baltimore** Info & to RSVP Libby at [ebaker@umbc.edu](mailto:ebaker@umbc.edu)
- 7 ANNE ARUNDEL PEACE ACTION MEETING **7:30PM** **Annapolis** Info 410-647-6796
- 9 & 15 DEFEND THE RIGHT TO TRAVEL! National Lawyers Guild' Cuba Subcommittee (NLG), Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR) teleconference training on "Cuba travel cases Pro-bono & low-cost attorneys 2 teleconference trainings 2/9, **4PM EST** 2/15 **4PM EST** Contact Marc Krupanski 212-614-6470 [mkrupanski@ccr-ny.org](mailto:mkrupanski@ccr-ny.org).
- 10 JAZZ CONCERT for Hurricane Katrina victims, featuring the Friends School Jazz Ensemble & professional musicians from The Last Chance Jazz Band **7-10PM** Friends School Auditorium. **Baltimore** All proceeds go to the American Friends Service Committee's efforts to aid Hurricane Katrina Victims. Great Music! Food! CDS! T-Shirts! Fun! Tickets are available in advance & at the door.
- 10-3 CONFERENCE ON SPIRITUAL ACTIVISM **DC** sponsored by U of California Peace & Conflict Studies Program, Tikkun Magazine, & Beyt Tikkun Synagogue Info [Jordan@tikkun.org](mailto:Jordan@tikkun.org) or [joe@tikkun.org](mailto:joe@tikkun.org)
- 12 DARWIN DAY CELEBRATION " IS POPULAR RELIGION GOOD OR BAD FOR THE HEALTH OF MODERN SOCIETIES **10:30AM** **Baltimore** Ethical Society, 306 W Franklin Info 410-581-2322
- 13 NEIGHBORS UNITED FOR JUSTICE & PEACE MEETING **6:30-9PM** City Hall in **Mt. Rainier**. Info Mary Parker [mponthego@earthtones.com](mailto:mponthego@earthtones.com)
- 14 V DAY VICTORY OVER VIOLENCE Info [www.vd.org](http://www.vd.org)
- 15 Voices for Creative Nonviolence campaign beginning 2/15 called WINTER OF OUR DISCONTENT actions into March. [info@vcnv.org](mailto:info@vcnv.org)
- 15-7 NATIONAL FORUM, CREATING OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN: A FORUM FOR ADDRESSING DISPROPORTIONALITY **Denver, CO** EQUITY IN EDUCATIONAL Registration & info <http://www.nccrest.org> [nccrest@cudenver.edu](mailto:nccrest@cudenver.edu)
- 17 "FIFTH ANNUAL DIVESTMENT CONFERENCE" Georgetown University, **DC**. Sponsored by the Palestine Solidarity Movement. Info [www.PalestineSolidarityMovement.org](http://www.PalestineSolidarityMovement.org) [Nadeem\\_Muaddi@yahoo.com](mailto:Nadeem_Muaddi@yahoo.com)
- 17-9 GLOBAL PEACE CONFERENCE Jakkur Airfield **Bangalore, International India** 2 million people from all over the world expected!!!!!! Human rights, bringing peace into reality and other related topics will be addressed. Info [www.silverjubilee.org](http://www.silverjubilee.org)
- 18-9 SOWING SEEDS HUMANE EDUCATION WORKSHOP 2/18 **8:30AM-5PM & 7-9PM** 2/19 **9AM-5PM** **Baltimore** \$180 by 1/31 then \$220 Student \$70 (copy student ID) **Baltimore**, \$180 before 1/30 Info Kathy Kandziolka 207-785-2224 [sowingseeds@iished.org](mailto:sowingseeds@iished.org)
- 19 TIA STEELE: ALTERNATIVES TO MILITARY ENLISTMENT **Baltimore** Ethical Society, Congress Hotel, 306 W Franklin Info 410-581-2322
- #20 **DEADLINE** for announcements & events for March calendar
- 20 Presidents' Day INTERFAITH YOUTH WORKSHOP Shared Core Values, Prejudice Reduction and Shared Service. The \$10 registration fee includes both breakfast and lunch. **10:00AM-4PM** Registration Deadline: 2/17 1426 Ninth Street NW, **DC** Mike Goggin InterFaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington (IFC) 202-234-6300 x 202 <http://www.ifcmw.org> Fax: 202-234-6303
- 20 SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST -- APPLICATION DEADLINE 02/20/06 Due to the generosity of an anonymous donor, The Vegetarian Resource Group will award \$10,000 in college scholarship money to graduating U.S. high school students graduating spring 2006 who have promoted vegetarianism in their schools &/or communities. Two awards of \$5,000 each. Info <http://www.vrg.org/student/scholar.htm>.
- 21-2 NEW YORK AFRICAN FILM FESTIVAL Traveling Series **1-5PM** **Baltimore** Museum of Art, 10 Art Museum Dr., Free with museum admission Info 410-396-6314

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- 22 PRAYERS FOR PEACE **7:30PM** Trinity Episcopal Church, 120 Allegany Ave, **Towson** Info [frcharles@us.net](mailto:frcharles@us.net)  
 28 FRAMING POLITICAL ISSUES WORKSHOP Dr. Jeffrey Feldman doing similar to Dr. George Lakoff's "Don't Think of an Elephant." .  
**Montgomery County**. \$75 Info [www.passiontopersuasion.com](http://www.passiontopersuasion.com)

**MARCH**

- National WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH Info <http://www.nwhp.org> or <http://www.infoplease.com/spot/womenshistory1.html>  
 MARCH-APRIL EQUALITY RIDE for ages 18 to 28 an exciting two month journey for GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER RIGHTS. It's a cross-country bus tour designed to confront college policies that ban the enrollment of openly GLBT students. Selected applicants have all expenses paid including transportation, housing, & meals. Info 952-212-8311 <http://www.EqualityRide.com> [jake@equalityride.com](mailto:jake@equalityride.com)  
 2-3 COMMUNICATIONS & CONTEMPORARY NATIVE AMERICANS SYMPOSIUM absence of Indian voices in mainstream affects media & popular culture. **DC** following meeting of Native American leaders. Info & register [www.fcni.org/nativeam/media\\_symp.htm](http://www.fcni.org/nativeam/media_symp.htm)  
 3-4 "PURSUE JUSTICE, SEEK PEACE!" Rev. Naim Ateek of Sabeel Jerusalem; Jean Zaru, Quaker peace activist from Ramallah Jeff Halper, Coordinator of the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions. Registration \$85 by 2/14; \$35 for students & limited income earners includes Middle Eastern dinner on Fri evening & Sat lunch. Info 202-258-0569 <http://www.wiamep.org/sabeel> [john.salzberg@verizon.net](mailto:john.salzberg@verizon.net),  
 4-5 NATIONAL VENEZUELA SOLIDARITY NETWORK CONF **DC**. Info: [Nicanet@afgi.org](mailto:Nicanet@afgi.org) or [contact@ushov.org](mailto:contact@ushov.org)  
 4 CATHOLIC SOCIAL CONVOCATION Info Dick Ulrich 410-823-8585 x244  
 4-6 NATIONAL VENEZUELA SOLIDARITY CONF. **DC** Info: [Nicanet@afgi.org](mailto:Nicanet@afgi.org) [contact@ushov.org](mailto:contact@ushov.org) To learn about current situation in Venezuela. \$25 registration fee, \$10 low-income or student. No one will be turned away  
 5 GENERATIONS FOR PEACE AND DEMOCRACY SERIES ON SUSTAINABILITY: STUDY & ACTION **2:30-5PM** Public Transportation in Baltimore: Re-Framing the Issues How to improve our current non-system of public transportation **Art Cohen** will help us examine possible strategies and tactics for its revitalization. Cork Gallery, 302 E Federal St. (Green door) Buzzer #9 **Baltimore** Info & to RSVP Libby at [ebaker@umbc.edu](mailto:ebaker@umbc.edu)  
 8 INT'L WOMEN'S DAY  
 8 CodePink WOMEN'S DAY MARCH  
 8 WomenSayNOtoWar.Org Unite with int'l women & contribute towards the end of the illegal war in Iraq. Go to: <http://www.womensaynotowar.org> to sign the call to the White House on 3/8. Please celebrate International Women's Day on this date by joining us and visiting the following page for action/event ideas: <http://www.democracyinaction.org/dia/organizations/codepink/signup.jsp?key=924&t=WSNTW.dwt>.  
 8 Gender Equity Summit: Churros Y Chocolate **8AM-5PM** \$100 Education, Health, Women's Issues 1616 16th St NW #302, **DC**  
 Info Claudia Rountree, 202-341-1594  
 10 COMMUNITY FORUM ON PEACE TAX FUND LEGISLATION Neighbors United for Justice and Peace Meeting **7PM Mount Rainier** City Council City Hall. For a copy of the resolution that we plan to submit to our, please write to [jbmccain@verizon.net](mailto:jbmccain@verizon.net). Info [jbmccain@verizon.net](mailto:jbmccain@verizon.net)  
 11-3 4<sup>TH</sup> ECUMENICAL ADVOCACY DAYS FOR GLOBAL PEACE WITH JUSTICE **DC** develop strategies & tactics for nurturing peace, alleviating poverty & protecting the environment, meet with reps Info & to register 202-230-2276 [www.advocacydays.org](http://www.advocacydays.org) [info@advocacydays.org](mailto:info@advocacydays.org).  
 12 THE SIERRA CLUB a TV SERIES broadcast on satellite Link TV right after the ACLU's "Freedom Files" 2nd Thursday of each month. The *Sierra Club Chronicles* **8:30PM** EST/PST. Read more on the episodes at: [www.sierraclubtv.org](http://www.sierraclubtv.org)  
 15-22 WEEK OF LOCAL ACTION: "3 YEARS TOO MANY--END THE WAR ON IRAQ, BRING ALL THE TROOPS HOME NOW." Educational events & protest actions Info <http://www.unitedforpeace.org> Post actions: <http://www.unitedforpeace.org/article.php?list=type&type=28>  
 17-20 Peace & Justice organizations throughout the **DC** region are planning PROTEST ACTIONS AGAINST THE WAR  
 18-9 MAJOR WORLDWIDE MOBILIZATION AGAINST THE IRAQ WAR & OCCUPATION Actions: 3rd Anniv of the "Shock & Awe" Invasion of Iraq. SAT-SUN: locally coordinated antiwar protests; MON: Youth & Student Day of Resistance to Imperialism. Sponsor: ANSWER Coalition. Info 212-533-0417 [info@internationalanswer.org](mailto:info@internationalanswer.org)  
 20 The National Campaign for Nonviolent Resistance MAJOR PROTEST at the Pentagon. (**DC**) Save the date so you can participate in this action entitled Stop the War Machine. <http://www.iraqpledge.org/>.  
 21 INT'L DAY FOR ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION  
 22 CREATING A CULTURE OF PEACE FACILLITATOR TRAINING **Bangor, PA** [www.forusa.org/programs/nvtraining/](http://www.forusa.org/programs/nvtraining/)  
 22 PRAYERS FOR PEACE **7:30PM** Trinity Episcopal Church, 120 Allegany Ave, **Towson** Info [frcharles@us.net](mailto:frcharles@us.net)  
 24-31 SABEEL INTERNATIONAL WITNESS FOR PEACE VISIT Info <http://www.fosna.org/index.php?display=Spring2006WitnessTrip>  
 24-4/8 Fellowship of Reconciliation INTERFAITH PEACE-BUILDERS DELEGATION Info <http://www.forusa.org/programs/ipb/default.html>  
 29-31 PEACE-BASED DEVELOPMENT **Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina** A Seminar Presented by The Int'l Education for Peace Institute (EFP-International) & Education for Peace Balkans Closing Feb 17. registration <http://www.efpinternational.org> Info [academic@efpinternational.org](mailto:academic@efpinternational.org)  
 31 CEASAR CHAVEZ DAY (1927 - 1993). A Mexican-Am labor leader & activist, nationally respected voice for social justice **APRIL**

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- National CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION Month info <http://www.olivecrest.org>  
 April 2006 EPIC & Veterans for Common Sense IRAQ FORUM two-day forum to discuss military & non-military strategies for stabilizing Iraq, protecting civilians, supporting Iraqi-led nation-building, encouraging reconciliation, & ending the violence. Info Education for Peace in Iraq Center, 1101 Pennsylvania Ave, SE, DC 20003 202-543-6176 [info@epic-usa.org](mailto:info@epic-usa.org)  
 1-2 INT'L HEALTH CONFERENCE WITH THEME: "EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES TO BRIDGE HEALTH DIVIDES" "Yale University, **New Haven, Conn** Early Bird Registration \$25 student rate; \$30 for all others Info [http://www.uniteforsight.org/2006\\_annual\\_conference.php](http://www.uniteforsight.org/2006_annual_conference.php)  
 21-3 NATIONAL/GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY 2006 Children & Youth, Community Building & Renewal, Community Service & Volunteering, Education, Environment, Foundations & Fundraising Coalitions 1101 15th Street, NW, Suite 200, **DC**, 20005 Info Sharon Brender - Chief Operating Officer 202-296-2992 x31 Fax 202-296-4030 <http://www.GYSD.org>.  
 23-5 VIGIL CLOSE THE SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS Demand that Congress close the SOA/WHINSEC. **DC** Sponsor: SOA Watch. Info: <http://www.soaw.org/new/article.php?id=1215>  
 23-5 INT'L CONFERENCE **Kiev, Ukraine** for 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Chernobyl nuclear disaster. World's experts on Chernobyl, nuclear power generally, & sustainable development Info, [www.ch20.org](http://www.ch20.org) In the U.S., numerous grassroots environmental groups & Ukrainian immigrant organizations to hold Chernobyl+20 commemorations & activities at locations across the country. Activities posted & updated at [www.nirs.org/c20/c20us.htm](http://www.nirs.org/c20/c20us.htm),

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- along with relevant background material. Send NIRS information on your plans for Chernobyl+20 to post on NIRS website [nirsnet@nirs.org](mailto:nirsnet@nirs.org). Send plans or obtaining info, materials, speakers, etc
- 25 MILLION VETERAN MARCH-OPERATION FIRING FOR EFFECT & meet with Congress [contact@veteransforcommonsense.org](mailto:contact@veteransforcommonsense.org) Vets welcome, meet with the House & Senate Committee on Veterans affairs. If coming let Gene Simes know by 3/31 [gdsusa@rochester.rr.com](mailto:gdsusa@rochester.rr.com)
- 26 The Day of Silence Project at your school to PROTEST THE SILENCING OF LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER people in schools across the country. Info <http://www.dayofsilence.org>
- 26-9 WHITE PRIVILEGE CONFERENCE 7 **St. Louis, MO** Youth: A Call To Action. to dismantle this system of privilege & oppression. co-sponsored & hosted by the U of Missouri-St. Louis. Info <http://www.whiteprivilegeconference.com> [eddie.moorejr@bush.edu](mailto:eddie.moorejr@bush.edu)
- 27 DINING OUT FOR LIFE Moveable Feast's event to raise funds for HIV/AIDS Info lots of **Baltimore** restaurants Info Jeff Burch 410-327-3420 x11 [jburch@mfeast.org](mailto:jburch@mfeast.org) [www.mfeast.org](http://www.mfeast.org)
- 27-9 STOP CORRUPTION WEEKEND OF ACTION. Across the country, MoveOn members talk to people about the everyday costs of corruption—disastrous laws like the Medicare prescription drug benefit, askgin folks to sign our petition demanding Congress pass real reform when they return to Washington. To organize an event [http://www.moveon.org/r?r=1389&id=6673-1195825-5m6ivL2QtX\\_eSOiRqjQs7A&t=1](http://www.moveon.org/r?r=1389&id=6673-1195825-5m6ivL2QtX_eSOiRqjQs7A&t=1)
- 28-30 2006 ANNUAL AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL USA's (AGM) MEETING The Hilton Portland & Executive Tower **Portland, Oregon** Info 202-544-.0200 [agm@aiusa.org](mailto:agm@aiusa.org) AIUSA-AGM, 600 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20003 [www.amnestyusa.org/events/agm/](http://www.amnestyusa.org/events/agm/)
- #29** "CREATING A CULTURE OF PEACE" **Md Peace & Justice Conference** **Baltimore** Info Carol 410-363-3140 [peacecalendar@comcast.net](mailto:peacecalendar@comcast.net)  
**SAVE THE DATE**
- #29** MARCH FOR PEACE, JUSTICE AND DEMOCRACY **New York City** Sponsors U.S. Labor Against the War, United for Peace & Justice, Rainbow/Operation PUSH, National Organization for Women, Friends of the Earth, U.S. Student Association, Peace Action Info ?????

**MAY**

- 10-14 2006 TOUR DE SOL: DRIVING TOWARD ZERO CARBON EMISSIONS **Saratoga Springs, NY** One, two, and four-day options Info Northeast Sustainable Energy Association, 50 Miles St., Greenfield, MA 01301, 413-774-6051
- 27-6/10 Fellowship of Reconciliation INTERFAITH PEACE-BUILDERS DELEGATION Info [www.forusa.org/programs/ipb/default.html](http://www.forusa.org/programs/ipb/default.html)

**JUNE**

- THE WORLD SOCIAL FORUM (WSF) **Atlanta, GA** Info [www.ussocialforum.org/](http://www.ussocialforum.org/), Grassroots Global Justice c/o South West Organizing Project, 211 10th Street SW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102, 505-247-8832 fax 505-247-9972 [joann@swop.net](mailto:joann@swop.net) or [michael@swop.net](mailto:michael@swop.net)
- 8-12 SUMMER SYMPOSIUM FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS IN INT'L AFFAIRS competitive application process for graduate students ' in a master's or doctoral degree program Georgetown University, **DC** Info 202.687.3366 [wiis.georgetown.edu/programs/summer\\_symposium.htm](http://wiis.georgetown.edu/programs/summer_symposium.htm)
- 9-11 1<sup>ST</sup> NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE PRECAUTIONARY PRINCIPLE APPROACH **Baltimore** sponsors Center for Health, Environment & Justice, Environmental Research Foundation & Science Environmental Health Network Info Anne Rave 518-732-4538 [annerave@msn.com](mailto:annerave@msn.com) [www.besafenet.com](http://www.besafenet.com)
- 15-8 The AMERICAN-ARAB ANTI-DISCRIMINATION COMMITTEE (ADC) annual Convention Wardman Park Marriott Hotel, **DC** Info [media@adc.org](mailto:media@adc.org)
- 23-8 WORLD PEACE FORUM 2006 "Cities and Communities: Working together to End War & Build a Peaceful, Just & Sustainable World". **Vancouver BC** Info <http://www.peace.ca/worldpeaceforumvancouver.htm> [admin@worldpeaceforum.ca](mailto:admin@worldpeaceforum.ca)
- 23-8 GLOBAL NETWORK AGAINST WEAPONS & NUCLEAR POWER IN SPACE ANNUAL MEETING **Vancouver, BC, Canada** at the World Peace Forum. Info Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space [globalnet@mindspring.com](mailto:globalnet@mindspring.com) <http://www.space4peace.org>

**JULY**

- 21-3 2006 NATIONAL NOW CONFERENCE & YOUNG FEMINIST SUMMIT Crowne Plaza Hotel **Albany, New York** Info [www.now.org](http://www.now.org)

**ONGOING EVENTS**

- Every Day Peace Park Antinuclear Vigil Lafayette Park, 1601 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, 24 hours a day, since June 3, 1981. Info <http://prop1.org>; call 202-682-4282.
- Weekdays Sudan Campaign **12NOON** at Sudanese Embassy, 2210 Mass. Ave. NW **DC** Info 202-498-8644 [www.darfurgenocide.org](http://www.darfurgenocide.org)
- Sundays & Tuesdays "RAINBOW" English language radio program **2PM** [www.allforpeace.org](http://www.allforpeace.org) from the collaborative **Israeli-Palestinian All For Peace radio station** (107.2 FM in Israel & Palestine 24/7) 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](mailto: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 Spa Creek Bridge **Annapolis NOON-1PM** Info Lucy at 410-263-7271 [mdbridgesforpeace@toadmail.com](mailto:mdbridgesforpeace@toadmail.com) no signs on sticks or poles. If interest vigil Stoney Creek Bridge on Fort Smallwood Rd **Pasadena** 410-437-5379 or [magicalgodmom@aol.com](mailto:magicalgodmom@aol.com)
- 1<sup>ST</sup> Sunday **Fellowship Of Reconciliation** **Baltimore 2:30-4:30PM** Am Friends Service Comm, 4806 York Rd Info Heather 443-923-5921 [hpayne@email.smith.edu](mailto:hpayne@email.smith.edu)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday SILENT INTERFAITH PEACE WALK AROUND WHITE HOUSE **1PM DC**. Info [www.wbpf.org](http://www.wbpf.org) [info@sbpf.org](mailto:info@sbpf.org) Buddhist Peace Fellowship Meet middle Lafayette Park by Andrew Jackson on horse No signs or banners, if possible wear white shirt
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday **Grandmothers for Peace** - Md chapter **2PM** Owen Brown Interfaith Center, 7246 Cradlerock Way **Columbia** Info Deborah Matherly 410-730-6049 [dwmatherly@aol.com](mailto:dwmatherly@aol.com)
- Last Sunday Vegetarian Singles lunch **1PM**, usually in **Baltimore** area, in vegetarian friendly restaurants. To meet other vegetarians & discover what good vegetarian food is available. Open to anyone willing to dine vegetarian. Info, Omi 410-296-0089 [vegsings@aol.com](mailto:vegsings@aol.com).
- Every Monday (Tues if holiday) **Vigil against militarism** at the Pentagon **7-8AM DC** Info Art, Dorothy Day Catholic Worker 202-882-9649
- Every Monday there is a **Witness against the Death Penalty 5-6PM** Madison Ave & the Fallsway, **Balto**. Viva House, Citizens VS State Exec., Campaign to End the Death Pen. Info Terry Fitzgerald, 410-741-3436 [TTFitz@pol.net](mailto:TTFitz@pol.net)
- Every Monday **The Pledge of Resistance- Baltimore** usually meets **7:30PM** AFSC, 4806 York Rd Info Max 410323-7200
- Every other Monday Local movement building meetings at the **DC/AFSC** office **6:30-9PM** Send reps to network on local events, protests, vigils, & direct actions. Info Roxanne or Bette 202-299-1050 202-299-1050
- 1<sup>st</sup> Monday **Baltimore/Columbia Nonviolence Discussion Group 7:30-9PM** 3230 Bethany Lane, Suite 4, **Ellicott City** Info Ted Nunn 410-992-5838 to

## ONGOING (cont'd)

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday **BALTIMORE** *INDYMEDIA CENTER 7:30PM* Progressive Action Center, 1443 Gorsuch Ave. at Kirk Ave., **Baltimore** 21218.  
Discussions on ongoing & upcoming news coverage projects Info [editors@baltimoreimc.org](mailto:editors@baltimoreimc.org) or <http://baltimore.indymedia.org/>
- 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mons MEETING OF THE **FREDERICK PEACE RESOURCE CENTER 7:30PM** 4E Church St, Info Gus Fahey 301-663-6117 (1<sup>st</sup> is for General Public, 3<sup>rd</sup> is Bd Meeting)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon *Democracy For Howard Co Meetup 7PM Elkridge* Community Library, 6540 Washington Blvd (Meeting Room) Info 410-313-5077  
<http://dfa.meetup.com/138> or <http://www.democracyforhoward.com>.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mons *Marylanders for a Free Palestine & Secure Israel* **Columbia** 5PM. Info 410-461-2040
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays **Balto. County Greens 7PM** Ruby Tuesday, 401 York Rd. Info Dave Goldsmith dave@pchs.net 410-480-5256
- 4<sup>th</sup> Monday Face-to-face progressive-action book group 7PM **Rockville** Barnes & Noble. Info [rasmussen.pa@comcast.net](mailto:rasmussen.pa@comcast.net)
- 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 3<sup>rd</sup> & Independence Ave NW) **DC** Info Pat Elder [elder@chesapeake.net](mailto:elder@chesapeake.net)
- Every Tues **DC** *Anti-War Network (DAWN) 7PM* AFSC Office, 2211 14th Street, NW **DC** Info [www.dawndc.net](http://www.dawndc.net) [info@dawndc.net](mailto:info@dawndc.net)
- Every Tues Nonviolent Communication ("NVC") practice group **7:15-9PM** 7406 Birch Ave **Takoma Park** Info [NVCMD@yahoo.com](mailto:NVCMD@yahoo.com)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Tues *Anne Arundel Peace Action Chapter Meeting 7:30PM* home of Joanna Mendelman, 2 Burnham Wood Court, **Annapolis** Info Mike Keller 410-263-7409 [mjkeller@worldnet.att.net](mailto:mjkeller@worldnet.att.net)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Tues *Pledge Of Resistance-Baltimore 8PM* AFSC, 4806 York Rd Info 410-323-7200
- 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues Non Violence Practice group **7:30-9PM** 6703 Pawtucket Road, **Bethesda** Info [meleneycoe@mindspring.com](mailto:meleneycoe@mindspring.com) (to confirm)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tues *Coalition Against Global Exploitation* meets at the Progressive Action Center, 1443 Gorsuch Ave. **7:30PM Baltimore**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tues *Stand Up for Democracy Coalition 6:30PM* National Council of Negro Women, 633 Penn. Ave NW. **DC** Info Anise Jenkins 202-483-3478 [www.standupfordemocracy.org](http://www.standupfordemocracy.org).
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tues *MAYDAY DC 6:30PM* Cafe Mawonaj, 624 T St. NW. Housing is a human right Info <http://maydaydc.mahost.org/events.html>
- 3rd Tues *Community Coalition for Justice & Peace. 7PM* St. Stephens Church, 1525 Newton St., NW, **DC** Info Luci Murphy, 202-234-8840, [justlikeatree@hotmail.com](mailto:justlikeatree@hotmail.com)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday *United Religious Interfaith Initiative For Peace* Episcopal Cathedral, Charles & University Prky, **Baltimore 7:30-9PM** Info David Cammack 410-552-9475
- 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday *Prince George Co Coalition for Peace, 7:30PM, Greenbelt* Community Center, Info Lucy Duff 301-577-2350
- 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Middle Patuxent Environmental Area **Howard Co** 9:30AM-Noon *Educational & work* Info Aylene Gard 410-992-9889 or [rmhessey@umd.edu](mailto:rmhessey@umd.edu)
- Last Tuesday, *Howard County Friends of Latin America* monthly meeting **7:30 PM** Info 410-381-4899
- 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
- Every Wed. The Power Inside *Women's Rap 3-4PM* To help women heal Power Inside Office, 325 E. 25<sup>th</sup> St., **Baltimore** Info 410-889-8333
- Every Wed **VIGIL FOR PEACE** Rt. 108 & Georgia Ave., **Olney 4:15-5:15PM**, weather permitting.
- Every Wed. Africa Action Remembers Rwanda, Confronting Darfur weekly vigil **5:30-6:30PM. DC** across from White House & speak-out at Lafayette Park 202-546-7961 Info [mobilize@africaaction.org](mailto:mobilize@africaaction.org)
- Every Wed Workers' Rights Clinic **6-8PM DC** Employment Justice Center free legal advice for low-wage workers. Bread for the City, 1525 7th St., NW, between P and Q Streets Info Ashley 202-828-9675 x11 [www.dcejc.org](http://www.dcejc.org).
- 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. DEMOCRACY FOR **BALTIMORE** General Meeting **7PM** red fish tavern, 2350 Boston St. (Canton) Info Anand Narayan 410-615-9757
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed Mayday **DC 6:30PM** Cafe Mawonaj, 624 T St. NW. Housing is a human right Info <http://maydaydc.mahost.org/events.html>
- 3rd Wed Dupont Circle, **DC 6-7PM** Women in Black
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed **Frederick** Women in Black Vigil . **6:30-7PM** Market & Patrick Sts, Info [wibfrederick@earthlink.net](mailto:wibfrederick@earthlink.net) 301-834-7581
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. Interfaith Fairness Coalition **7:30PM** Faith Presbyterian Church, 4500 Loch Raven Blvd., **Baltimore** Info [info@ifcm.org](mailto:info@ifcm.org) [www.ifcmd.org](http://www.ifcmd.org)
- Last Wed **Frederick** Greens **7:30PM** Community Room in C. Burr Artz Library, 110 E. Patrick St. Info Contact Whitney Trettien 240-422-9048 [whitney@moonslush.com](mailto:whitney@moonslush.com)
- Every Thurs. *DAWN* protest **NOON** Pennsylvania Ave. **DC** outside the White House. Us Out Of Iraq; No New Wars On Iran, Syria, No. Korea, etc. Info 202-957-7383.
- Every Thurs during school term **4-5PM** Loyola College Peace Vigil NE corner Charles St. & Cold Spring Ln, **Baltimore** Info [kmchristiansen@loyola.edu](mailto:kmchristiansen@loyola.edu)
- Every Thurs *peace prayers & discussion* on peace issues St. Mark's Lutheran 1900 St. Paul St. **Balto 5:45-6:30PM** Info [john19@unidia.com](mailto:john19@unidia.com)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs. Eat at The Vegetable Garden, 11618 Rockville Pike, **Rockville. 11:30AM-9PM** & 10% will benefit the D.C. area-based Compassion Over Killing. Info Compassion Over Killing 301-891-2458 [www.TryVeg.com](http://www.TryVeg.com)
- 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thur. *Baltimore Independent Media Center* collective at the Progressive Action Center, 1443 Gorsuch in Waverly, **7:30PM Baltimore**. Info [www.baltimore.indymedia.org](http://www.baltimore.indymedia.org)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs Pledge of Resistance protests the war & occupation in Mt. Vernon at Centre & Charles Sts. **Baltimore 5-6:30PM** Info Max 410-323-7200
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thur **Baltimore City Greens 7PM** Progressive Action Center, 1433 Gorsuch Ave.. Info [www.baltimoregreens.org](http://www.baltimoregreens.org) or email [office@baltimoregreens.org](mailto:office@baltimoregreens.org) or call 410-662-8169.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs NoVA Peace & Justice Planning Meeting **7-9PM** Tysons Pimmit Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, **Falls Church, VA** 22043-2099 Info <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/us-va-nova-peace> (Regular meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs)
- Every Friday Peace Vigil **Noon-1PM** Lafayette Park (16th and Penn. NW), 1600 Penn. Ave. NW **DC** Info Catholic Worker 202-882-9649
- Every Friday: *Women in Black* vigils Inner Harbor, **Noon**, Pratt & Light streets & Roland Park Place, **Baltimore 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 **Balto** Info 410-323-7200
- Every Friday **Takoma Park** *Peace Vigil @ Takoma Junction 5:30PM*
- Every Friday Women In Black vigil **5:30-6PM DC** at Farragut Square Park, 17<sup>th</sup> & K Sts. NW Info 301-262-3062 [womeninblackdc@yahoo.com](mailto:womeninblackdc@yahoo.com)

## ONGOING (cont'd)

Every Fri. **SHED LIGHT ON US WAR CASUALTIES: FROM THE FRONT LINE TO THE BACK DOOR** of Walter Reed Army Medical Center (North Gate), **8-10 PM**, 7200 Georgia Ave., at Elder St., NW **DC** Call 202-441-3265

[www.codepinkalert.org/Local\\_CODEPINKs\\_Washington\\_DC.shtml](http://www.codepinkalert.org/Local_CODEPINKs_Washington_DC.shtml)

1<sup>st</sup> Friday **Frederick** *WIB peace stand* at **NOON-12:30PM** at the War Memorial Plaza. W. 2<sup>nd</sup> & N Bentz Sts. Info 301-834-7581 (Dress in black) Info [info@wibfrederick.org](mailto:info@wibfrederick.org) [www.wibfrederick.org](http://www.wibfrederick.org)

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

1<sup>st</sup> Friday *Feminist Potluck* **7PM** **Baltimore** Info Eve 410-372-0848

Last Fri Peace Vigil **5-6PM** **Takoma** Junction (Rte. 410 & Carroll Ave.) To end occupation in Iraq, Palestine & the White House. Info 301.589-5410 <http://tpkids4peace.org>

Every Sat Antiwar Activists on The Mall **DC 9 AM**. Smithsonian Metro & bring clearly-lettered antiwar sign. Info [eca@usa.net](mailto:eca@usa.net)

Every Sat *Peace vigil* on Capitol Hill. **NOON-1:00PM** on the south side (the side facing the National Mall, just up hill from the Botanical Garden). Info 301-681-5126 [www.seekpeace.info](http://www.seekpeace.info) [john.howley@verizon.net](mailto:john.howley@verizon.net).

Every Sat Global Coalition for Peace (GCFP) meditation for world peace ("Embrace the World in a Mantle of Love"). **6-7:30PM** 4217 East West Hwy, **Bethesda** Info 301-654-6759. Free. Interfaith prayers, music/singing, & silent meditation

1<sup>st</sup> Sat. *Global Coalition for Peace*, **1-3PM**, 4217 East-West Highway, **Bethesda**, starts with lunch & then speaker, open to all, Info Victor 301-654-6759

1<sup>st</sup> Sat *VEGAN POTLUCK DINNERS* **6:30PM** 12922 Kentbury Dr, **Clarksville** Bring a dish, without animal products, to feed at least four. Bring your recipe or ingredients list. Basic drinks & table service provided. Info Sue 301-854-0147 [Sue@Connex.net](mailto:Sue@Connex.net)

2<sup>nd</sup> Sat odd months *Citizens for Global Solutions nationwide teleconf* **1-2:30PM** Fairhaven, 7200 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., **Sykesville** Info D. Commack 410-552-9475

2<sup>nd</sup> & Last Sat Peace Vigil *Women in Black* **2-3PM**. front of the War Memorial, **Westminster** Info [auntym38@qis.net](mailto:auntym38@qis.net).

## NUCLEAR NEWS

The NRC is proposing to DO NOTHING to improve the security of the nation's nuclear plants. Info questions, comments, or would like to get more involved Melissa Kemp at [mkemp@citizen.org](mailto:mkemp@citizen.org). The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has initiated an important rulemaking on reactor security, and your comments are critical. Despite the serious consequences of a successful terrorist attack on a nuclear facility, NRC is proposing to DO NOTHING to improve the security of the nation's nuclear plants. NRC is ignoring a mandate from Congress in the recently passed Energy Bill (section 651(a)), and a lawsuit brought by public interest groups. Their proposal is explicitly designed to codify the status quo, which is woefully inadequate.

To sign up for updates on Yucca Mountain Info [https://lists.epa.gov/read/all\\_forums/](https://lists.epa.gov/read/all_forums/), scroll to "yucca-updates" click 'subscribe'

The Pentagon has drafted a revised doctrine for the use of **nuclear weapons** that envisions commanders requesting presidential approval to use them to **preempt** an attack by a nation or a terrorist group using weapons of mass destruction. The draft also includes the option of using nuclear arms to destroy known enemy stockpiles of nuclear, biological or chemical weapons. Info [washingtonpost.com](http://washingtonpost.com)

The Nat. Academies of Science released the *BEIR VII* or 7th Biological Effects of Ionizing Radiation report on "**Health Risks from Exposure to Low Levels of Ionizing Radiation**" reconfirming the previous knowledge that there is no safe level of exposure to radiation—that even very low doses can cause cancer. Risks from low dose radiation are equal or greater than previously thought. The committee reviewed some additional ways that radiation causes damage to cells. Info 202.328.0002 [nirsnet@nirs.org](mailto:nirsnet@nirs.org) [www.nirs.org](http://www.nirs.org)

State-by-state legislation to provide for **testing of returning National Guard troops** may show serious contamination by depleted uranium of U.S. troops, and how are Iraqis going to react? Already Iraqis are troubled by a dramatic (seven-fold) rise in childhood cancers and birth defects, particularly in the south. See <http://www.rense.com/general67/DUtestingforreturning.htm>

Ask your rep. to sign on to **The Depleted Uranium Munitions Study Act of 2005 HR 2410**

Info on Global Network Against **Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space** 352-337-9274 or [www.space4peace.org](http://www.space4peace.org) or [globalnet@mindspring.com](mailto:globalnet@mindspring.com)

## OTHER NOTES

Thanks to New Jersey or halting executions until studies can be made. Let's hope they stop them forever. Gov. Parris N. Glendening said that Md should reinstate the moratorium on executions until the state can guarantee a system free from discrimination & doubts about convicted killers' guilt.

Demand answers on Senators' and Rep's. hold a vigil outside their offices support for the war, or write a letter to the editor, In the House of Reps. H.Res 4232, *The End the War in Iraq Act of 2005*, introduced by Cong. James McGovern and co-sponsored by 13 others would allow Defense Dept. funds only to provide for the safe and orderly withdrawal of all troops, consultations with other governments, NATO and the UN regarding international forces, financial assistance & equipment to either Iraqi security forces &/or international forces. It prohibits the use of funds to deploy U.S. armed forces in Iraq. H.J. Res. 73 introduced by Congressman John Murtha calls for the immediate redeployment of U.S. troops from Iraq, but which also would establish a quick reaction U.S. force and an over-the-horizon presence of U.S. Marines. This bill now has 97 co-sponsors. There are also other important measures pending in the House, including a discharge petition to force debate on Iraq, the No Permanent Bases resolution and the Student Privacy Act. More info [www.unitedforpeace.org](http://www.unitedforpeace.org)

CUBA solidarity groups The Venceremos Brigade and the Pastors for Peace Foundation said US authorities have fined hundreds of their members a total of \$1.5 million for travelling to Cuba. 182 countries voted in 2005 to end the criminal economic blockade maintained by the United States against Havana for over four decades. The vote was 182-4 and ambassadors from dozens of countries condemned the antiquated policy. We are all happy that the Cubans will be allowed to play baseball in the upcoming Int'l games.

The most positive developments right now are occurring in the House of Representatives. H.Res 4232, *The End the War in Iraq Act of 2005*, introduced by Cong. James McGovern & 13 co-sponsored, prohibiting funds to deploy U.S. armed forces in Iraq. H.J. Res. 73 introduced by John Murtha calls for the immediate redeployment of U.S. troops from Iraq, but also establishes a quick reaction U.S. force & an over-the-horizon presence of U.S. Marines with 97 co-sponsors. There are also other important measures pending in the House, including a discharge petition to force debate on Iraq, the No Permanent Bases resolution & the Student Privacy Act. See [www.UFPJ.org](http://www.UFPJ.org) for resources & send report to [sue@unitedforpeace.org](mailto:sue@unitedforpeace.org)

Other legislation The Tony Rudy Reform: Close the Revolving Door, The Ralph Reed Reform: Toughen Public Disclosure of Lobbyist Activity, The Jack Abramoff Reform: Ban Lobbyist Gifts and Travel, The Grover Norquist Reform: Shut Down Pay-to-Play Schemes Like the "K Street Project," The Scully & Tauzin Reform: Disclosure of Outside Job Negotiations, The Frist & Hastert Reform: Prohibit "Dead of Night" Special Interest Provisions, The Halliburton Reform: Zero Tolerance for Contract Cheaters, The Brownie Reform: Prohibit Cronyism in Key Appointments. Info [dccc@dccc.org](mailto:dccc@dccc.org)

## NOTES (cont'd)

RAWA is helping hundreds of children from very poor and often homeless backgrounds leave the streets in Afghanistan and give them a brighter future with their growing orphanage program. Their shelters are run as family homes; a local husband and wife care for the children and make sure they have a warm bed, warm and clean clothing, regular meals, a place to call home and enrollment in a local school. To sponsor a child now, please click on this link: <http://www.charityhelp.org/rawa> Also Malalai Joya, an outspoken activist recently elected to Afghanistan's new parliament will likely be in the DC area towards the end of March. We've been asked to help arrange (a) opportunities for her to meet with congress members & other government officials, (b) a large speaking engagement or two, & (c) press coverage. Please contact Alicia 410-235-0186 [aluckste@psych.umaryland.edu](mailto:aluckste@psych.umaryland.edu)

Sign the Global Warming Petition Online - Sign the online Emissions Petition. Urge Americas political leaders to take action against global warming, the most urgent environmental issue facing the Earth.

There is a campaign to participation in Gulf Coast Clean-up asking for groups of 20 to go down for a weekend and do clean-up, from Friday afternoon to Sunday. Our understanding is that female participants would work in teams of 20 to clean mould and such from individual homes and then heavier duty folks (guys?) would come in to do structural repairs on homes. They are housing men and women separately for privacy I believe, so my understanding is that we need to be groups of 20 women and/or 20 men. Hopefully you can get info from Mary Best, Mt. Rainier 301 779 6466

Just4Peace intends to hold candlelight vigils at the courthouse across from 45 S. Main St **7PM** first Friday after every milestone death (2300, 2400, etc.) at every milestone death to keep **Bel Air** aware of the war and the deaths that have occurred. 15 minutes of sign & candle holding by the roadside, followed by 15 minutes for reading the names of Md soldiers who have died in this war. Info Susan & Mike [just4peace@clearviewcatv.net](mailto:just4peace@clearviewcatv.net).

Is Bolivia going to nationalize gas reserves? I hope the US leaves them alone.

Ford Motor Company faces a boycott trying to force them to stop supporting homosexual groups & pull its ads from gay publications. If they made a good product, that would help me decide to buy a Ford.

Resource for **conscientious objectors**: [www.objector.org](http://www.objector.org) The Church of the Brethren will Revive '**Alternative Service' Draft Programs** Info [www.beliefnet.com/story/158/story\\_15893\\_1.html](http://www.beliefnet.com/story/158/story_15893_1.html) Fellowship of Reconciliation has launched its "I WILL NOT KILL" CAMPAIGN" to educate youth about the reality of war & their right to say 'no'. Info Ibrahim Ramey, FOR Disarmament Coordinator, 845-627-2665 [disarm@forusa.org](mailto:disarm@forusa.org).

ACLU's priority issues for the 2006 legislative session include: at least \$400 million in the state budget for school construction and renovation, fully fund the "Thornton" formula, legislation that would automatically expunge the records of individuals who are arrested but then released without charge, repeal of the death penalty, Voters Rights Protection Act, Voter-verified paper trail, Judicial elections, legislation that would ensure unaffiliated voters are not barred from voting for judicial candidates, oppose any legislation that would require that voters show identification at the polls, legislators to override Gov. Ehrlich's veto of the • Medical Decision Making Act, "Marriage Amendment," Family planning funding, Emergency contraception, ACLU of Maryland will work to block implementation of the federal Real ID Act in the state, opposes legislation denying drivers' licenses to persons who cannot prove, to the MVA's satisfaction, lawful presence in the US, oppose taxpayer-funded subsidies to private schools, support legislation that helps to protect the security of sensitive information from identity theft, along with the inappropriate gathering and management practices of private data-collection agencies, bills that will help ensure government bodies operate in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

A **running count of the money spent on the Iraq** occupation & a comparison of what could have been spent on causes such as world hunger, kids' health, public housing, etc. <http://costofwar.com/>

Legislation for a **Department of Peace** was reintroduced in House of Reps by Dennis Kucinich & 54 other co-sponsors 9/14. Please ask your senators to cosponsor companion bill in the senate Info [www.ThePeaceAlliance.org](http://www.ThePeaceAlliance.org)

Info on [ImpeachBush@VoteToImpeach.org](mailto:ImpeachBush@VoteToImpeach.org)

Alerts about **how your congressfolk are voting** on your issues of interest, then facilitate your response: <http://voternote.aol.com/>

MoveOn has **online forum to share ideas & goals for MoveOn and our nation**. [www.actionforum.com/forum/index.html?forum\\_id=266](http://www.actionforum.com/forum/index.html?forum_id=266)

Consumer Reports has a website geared toward the "green" consumer [www.greenerchoices.org](http://www.greenerchoices.org)

Info on **MONTGOMERY COUNTER RECRUITING GROUP** [agentforchange@comcast.net](mailto:agentforchange@comcast.net)

89.3 WPFM-FM **Pacifica Radio** Recommended listening: **Amy Goodman**, Democracy Now **8-10AM**, news & other good programming **6-7PM**; Get schedule 1-800-222-9739 Station may be difficult to receive at home, but you can usually get it in your car.

More good news: INN World Report, on Mon-Fri 6:30-7. It covers more national & int'l news than Democracy Now. It's being archived on their website [www.innworldreport.net](http://www.innworldreport.net)

**Air America** Radio **WWRC AM-1260** in DC <http://www.progressivetalk1260.com/> Live streaming [www.airamericaradio.com](http://www.airamericaradio.com)

**BBC World News** is available online at [news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world).

**Common Dreams News Center** at [www.commondreams.org](http://www.commondreams.org) offers news, commentary, and extensive links to alternative news services and progressive publications online.

**AlterNet**: [www.alternet.org](http://www.alternet.org) (A project of the Independent Media Institute, a nonprofit organization dedicated to independent and alternative journalism).

**Iraq Veterans against the War** Info [www.veteransforcommonsense.org/discussion/viewforum.php?f=7](http://www.veteransforcommonsense.org/discussion/viewforum.php?f=7)

Info on Baltimore Tikkun chapter [shel030351@yahoo.com](mailto:shel030351@yahoo.com) or [cleight@moac.morgan.edu](mailto:cleight@moac.morgan.edu).

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

For info on The Human Rights Network Eliane Drakopoulos 678-371-6291 [www.ushrn.org](http://www.ushrn.org).

See action alerts from FOR at [www.forusa.org](http://www.forusa.org) or send info to [iraq@forusa.org](mailto:iraq@forusa.org)

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

Check [www.thomas.loc.gov/](http://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](http://www.angelfire.com/extreme/harassment)

Info on **Leonard Peltier** [www.freepeltier.org](http://www.freepeltier.org) Info on **Mumia Abu-Jamal** [www.mumia2000.org](http://www.mumia2000.org).

Info on **DC Peace Center** [www.washingtonpeacecenter.org](http://www.washingtonpeacecenter.org) ANSWER [www.internationalANSWER.org](http://www.internationalANSWER.org) MOVE-ON [www.moveon.org/winwithoutwar/](http://www.moveon.org/winwithoutwar/)

For info on "Women in Black" group in **Takoma Park** Info Ann [ablyberg@iie.org](mailto:ablyberg@iie.org)

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

**AMNESTY INT'L**. To learn about Balto. locals, call 410-358-4840

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Friends Committee on Nat'l Legislation. . . . (800) 630-1330  
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PEACE ACTION Legislative HOTLINE . . . . (202) 862-9760  
Quixote Center..... (301)699-0042

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