

MARYLAND UNITED FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE
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##April 29 **SAVE THE DATE** "CREATING A CULTURE OF PEACE" MD Peace & Justice Conference
Seton Keough High School, **Baltimore** -- Info Carol 410-363-3140 peacecalendar@comcast.net
Tax deductible donations can be made to MUPJ-Institute for Positive Action (See form on back page)

Send **APR** Calendar Events by **3/19** to: calendar@mupj.org or Carol Solomon, 8111 McDonogh Rd., Baltimore 21208

= Items of **Statewide Interest** **MUPJ/Calendar website:** www.mupj.org thanks to Bob Lewis.

PREFER CALENDAR by email? Send your address to 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.

CALL CONGRESS 800-426-8073

MD LEGISLATURE Info on your delegates 410-841-3000

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

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

FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Voices for Creative Nonviolence campaign beginning 2/15 called WINTER OF OUR DISCONTENT every day from **11:30AM-2PM** (except 3/1/06) at Independence & First SW at the Capital. Federal Plaza Metro A 34 day, liquids-only fast to end the war against & occupation info@vcnv.org

Demonstrations Every Saturday Outside the Homes of Congress Members: To End the War and Impeach the Warmakers DemocracyRising.US is working with Democrats.com, Progressive Democrats of America, After Downing Street, Gold Star Families for Peace, Iraq Pledge of Resistance, Hip Hop Caucus, and others are asking dedicated activists in each Congressional District (CD) to volunteer if you are willing to help coordinate these pickets. Info <http://www.democrats.com/user/register>

2/3-3/12 "THE MURDER OF ISAAC" challenges our compulsion to harm and celebrating our capacity to heal. Centerstage. www.centerstage.org

27 Dr. Robert Caret, president of Towson University, will lecture in the Baltimore County League of Women Voters Contemporary Issues series. He will explore Regionalism and the University. The lecture will be held at Sheppard Pratt Conference Center in Towson on Mon., Feb. 27 at 6 PM, with light refreshments at 5:15. The cost is \$10. Call 410-377-8046 or email LWVBaltimore@verizon.net.

27 **FIRST LOOK SERIES**, Discusss SIMON LEVY'S "WHAT I HEARD ABOUT IRAQ" **7PM** Center Stage, 700 North Calvert St., **Baltimore**, designed with a two-fold mission—to give playwrights a laboratory for developing or refining their work Free Reservations encouraged. Info 410.332.0033

27 "CHILDREN OF SAME-SEX COUPLES SPEAK OUT" **7:15 – 9:30PM** a community forum Park School, 2425 Old Court Rd, **Baltimore** Info 410-339-7070.

27 **AT THE STONE OF LOSSES**. . . The Personal and the Political in Israel Partners for Peace & the Jewish Community Center of Greater **DC** Voices of Jerusalem Poetry Series featuring Rachel Tzvia Back **7:30PM** Jewish Community Center, 6125 Montrose Rd, **Rockville**. \$10-20 suggested donation (none turned away for lack of funds) Info 202-863-2951 email jake@partnersforpeace.org www.iccgw.org.

28 "BUILDING PEACE FOR JEWS & PALESTINIANS," **11AM, 3 & 7PM**: TV Program: Cable Channel 73, Howard County. Info 410-461-2040

28 **BALTIMORE** COALITION AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY **7PM** AFSC, 4806 York Rd., & asks Maryland abolitionists to plan specific actions to protect the life of Vernon Evans! . Go to www.StopExecutionsInMaryland.org. Vernon Evans has been granted a hearing before the MD Court of Appeals. SaveVernon@excite.com Contact Gov. Ehrlich to plead for clemency: 410-974-3901 1.800.811.8336 governor@gov.state.md.us.

28 **CULTURE & POLITICS** Help end the War, & Change Politics in America Todd Chretien CA & Kevin Zeese MD Candidates for US Senate **7:30-9PM** St John's of **Baltimore** City, 2640 Dy, Paul St at E 27th. RSVP Kelly@kevinzeese.com

28 FROM PASSION TO PERSUASION: WORDS THAT WORK WORKSHOP **9:30AM- 4:30PM** Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center 4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda Meeting Room A \$75.00 includes all materials, lunch and breaks Dr. Jeffrey Feldman similar to Dr. George Lakoff's "Don't Think of an Elephant." . **Montgomery County** \$75 Info 301-2 57-3109 www.passiontopersuasion.com

28 PANEL DISCUSSION ON AMERICAN IMMIGRATION SYSTEM **6:30-8:30PM** U of **Baltimore**, Langsdale Library, 1420 Maryland Ave. Info Helen Harnett 410-837-5732

28 Come to **DC** & work to pass H.R. 4197! (The Hurricane Katrina Recovery, Reclamation, Restoration, Reconstruction & Reunion Act) **11AM-NOON** Press Conference: Rayburn Office Building - Room #2237 **NOON-1PM** Mardi Gras Style March for Justice: from Capitol South Metro Stop at 12:00 p.m. to the White House, then Rally at Lafayette Square Park. Info info@pdamerica.org

28 NATIONAL "VOTE NO ON THE WAR SUPPLEMENTAL" CALL-IN DAY PDA, UFPJ & other groups Bush asks for \$72.4 Billion More - Total cost of war approaches \$400 Billion! Both the House & the Senate will vote on the President's request. Amendments are allowed; they cannot change policy, but they can set conditions on the spending. Vote in the House as early as 3/13. Call Senators; they need to hear from us! Info www.africasia.com/services/news/newsitem.php?area=mideast&item=060216231113.nw5jz6m4.php

28 TELL SENATORS TO OPPOSE PATRIOT ACT coming up for vote today

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, & 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

1-4/4 NIGHT OF A THOUSAND DINNERS in commemoration of the signing of the Ottawa Convention to Abolish Land Mines & in support of Int'l Mine Awareness Day

1-3 STUDENT STRIKE demanding funding owed by the State & to prevent the closing of schools sponsored by The Baltimore Algebra. Assemble at **11AM** each day: 3/1 State School Board, across from the 1st Mariner Arena; 3/2 City School Board, 200 North Ave.; 3/3 City Hall, 100 Holliday St. **Baltimore** Info 443-904-5646.

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- 1 DEMONSTRATE DISAPPROVAL of Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test (ASVAB) **6:30-7:30AM** Whitman High School, 7100 Whittier Blvd, **Bethesda** at the entrance to the school Local activists from Montgomery Peace Action & Bethesda Friends Meeting Protesters Info Pat Elder agentforchange@comcast.net
- 1 KATRINA SURVIVORS TO BECOME AMERICA'S NEW HOMELESS while trailers sink in the ground in Hope, Arkansas. **DC** (See item on 2/28) to demand a stop to evictions, demand trailers for survivors & demand the passing of H.R. 4197
- 1 Ash Wednesday NONVIOLENT WITNESS **DC** In the spirit of the March to Guantanamo, solemn march to key institutions responsible for the illegal secret U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay. **11-11:15AM**, vigil at (Un)Supreme Court; **11:20-11:35AM** vigil at Capitol; **11:35AM** march down Constitution Ave. to Pennsylvania Ave. to (In)Justice Department; **11:50AM - 12:05 PM** vigil at (in)Justice Dept.; & **12:05PM** march down Pennsylvania Ave. & go right on 15th St. to the White House. Vigil at White House from **12:30-1PM**. Close some risking arrest Info MObuszewski@afsc.org
- 1 WOMEN OF COLOR & IMAGES OF SELF: STRATEGIES FOR SURVIVAL **6:45-8:45PM** (also 3/8 & 15) SALSA class 1112 16th St NW Suite 600, **DC** \$30 series Info SALSA/IPS 202-234-9382 x229 netfa@hotsalsa.org
- 1 THE POWER OF SOCIAL NETWORKS **6:45-8:45PM** SALSA class 1112 16th St NW Suite 600, **DC** \$30 series Info SALSA/IPS 202-234-9382 X229 netfa@hotsalsa.org
- 1 KUCINICH IN BALTIMORE MARCH **7PM** red fish - Modern Mediterranean Tavern & City Lounge, 2350 Boston St., Canton Info 443-524-1454
- 1+ THEATRE FOR DIALOGUE & SOCIAL CHANGE workshop series at the Creative Alliance running five Wednesdays 3/1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 **7-9:30PM** Creative Alliance, 3134 Eastern Ave., **Baltimore** Based on Augusto Boal's Theater of the Oppressed, a course on the use of theater as tool for transformation. \$75 for Creative Alliance members. \$125 others. Info Jodie 410-375-8591
- 2 PALESTINE BENEFIT DINNER For SOS Children's Village Presented By Students for Justice in Palestine-GWU & NAACP-GWU, ADC, & others **6:30PM** Marvin Center, 3rd Floor Grand Ballroom, 21st & H St. NW **DC** Students: \$10 Non-Students: \$25 Info Tyler Nielsen sjp@gwu.edu
- 2 CLOSING RECEPTION GALLERY SHOWING OF "OCCUPATION," "FACES OF IRAQ" photographer Benjamin Busch **6:30PM** hosted by Education for Peace in Iraq Center at the U of MD University College (UMUC) for premiere Also Iraq War vet Jon Powers, who documented time in Iraq in the 2004 film "Gunner Palace." UMUC in **Adelphi**. Admission to the gallery & reception is free, but silent auction of photographs. Proceeds benefit artwork of Benjamin Busch & EPIC's Educational Programs. Info 202.543.6176.
- 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.fcnl.org/nativeam/media_symp.htm pat@fcnl.org
- 3 "THE TRIAL OF THE CATONSVILLE NINE" by Daniel Berrigan **3:30-6PM** the Shriver Peaceworker Program will give a public reading UMBC in the PUP Foyer Readers are needed. Info Joby Taylor 410-455-6398.
- 3 The Pledge of Resistance-Baltimore to lobby Rep. Dutch Ruppersberger at Timonium office **4PM**. Info Max at 410-323-7200, ext. 31 to confirm 8
- 3 PANEL DISCUSSION ON STOPPING WAR AGAINST IRAN Creating a Nuclear Weapons Free Middle East **6:30-9PM** St. Stephen's Church, 16th & Newton St. NW, **DC** Refreshments Ray McGovern, Simin Royanian, Kevin Martin, Peace Action Info Washington Peace Center 202-234-2000 Sign a petition against Iran war: <http://stopwaroniran.org> <http://stopthewarnow.net>
- 3-4 "PURSUE JUSTICE, SEEK PEACE!" New York Ave Presbyterian Church, 1313 NY Avenue NW, **DC** \$85, \$35 for students & limited income earners Middle Eastern dinner on Fri evening & Sat lunch. Info 202-258-0569 <http://www.wiamep.org/sabeel> john.salzberg@verizon.net,
- 4-6 NATIONAL VENEZUELA SOLIDARITY NETWORK CONF George Washington U Elliot School of Int'l Affairs, 1957 E St, NW **DC** \$25/\$10 low-income or student. Info 202-544-9355, Nicanet@afgi.org contact@ushov.org
- 4 27TH ANNUAL SOCIAL MINISTRY CONVOCATION **8:15AM-3PM** Seton Keough High School, 1201 Caton Ave., **Baltimore** [Exit I-95 at Caton Ave., North]. Registration fee is \$8 — lunch is provided for those who pre-register with Allison Stone 410.261.6781 astone@cc-md.org.
- 4-6 NATIONAL VENEZUELA SOLIDARITY CONF. **DC** Info: Nicanet@afgi.org contact@ushov.org To learn about current situation in Venezuela. \$25 registration fee, \$10 low-income or student. No one will be turned away
- 4 "THE FACE OF EMMETT TILL" THE COPPIN PLAYERS Reception **6:30 PM** James Weldon Johnson Aud., Room 110, 2500 W. North Ave., **Baltimore** Hear from Alvin Sykes of Kansas, head of the Emmett Till Justice Campaign. Play begins at **8PM**. Tickets are \$10. By purchasing a ticket from AFSC, you make a contribution to Eddie Conway's Defense Fund. Call Tia at 410-323-7200 for tickets.
- 4 DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO MISS NEW ORLEANS, a performance art production to benefit the Peoples Hurricane Relief Mobil Library Project of New Orleans **7:30PM**, Gimme Shelter Productions featuring poetry, spoken word, music & dance Saint Mary's Episcopal Outreach Center, 3900 Roland Ave. **Baltimore** Admission is \$5. Info 410-435-7162.
- 5 "CROSSING THE LINE" Shirley Way discusses crossing the line at School of Americas & thoughts about her trial & imprisonment. **9AM** Stony Run Friends meeting, 5116 N. Charles St., **Balto**. She promotes passage of HR 1217 calling for the closing of the school. Info 410-435-3773.
- 5 Lifetime TV to air HBO original movie *IRON JAWED ANGELS* to kick off women's history month **10AM**
- 5 DEPARTMENT OF PEACE CAMPAIGN Pot Luck Brunch & Reception Featuring Dot Maver, Executive Director The Peace Alliance **11AM-1PM** Determan Communications office, 1219 Connecticut Ave., 4th fl, **DC** Red Line Metro, Dupont Circle Space is limited, so please RSVP ASAP to MD State Coordinator Ted Nunn 410-707-0166 tnunn@alum.mit.edu
- 5 Anna Baltzer, A Fulbright scholar will share eyewitness accounts about life in the occupied Palestinian territories **2PM Annapolis** Friends Meeting, 351 Dubois Rd off Bestgate Rd free and open to the public. Light refreshments Sponsors Anne Arundel Peace Action, Annapolis Friends Meeting, & Anne Arundel Greens. Maps <http://annapolis.quaker.org/maps/index.html>.
- 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
- 5 PALESTINE PRESENTATION on HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS **7:30PM** Unity Church, 1 West 9th Street, **Frederick** Anna Baltzer, a 26-year-old Jewish-American graduate of Columbia University & Fulbright Scholar Personal experiences, observations, & photographs from six months in the West Bank. A volunteer with the Int'l Women's Peace Service, working with Palestinians & Israelis in nonviolent resistance against Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories. Sponsors Frederick Peace Resource Center & Women in Black.
- 6 PROTEST US-ISRAELI NUCLEAR HYPOCRISY at the AIPAC ANNUAL CONFERENCE **6-8PM** No Us-Israel Attack On Iran **6-8PM** during American Israel Public Affairs Committee(AIPAC) Gala Banquet **DC** Convention Center, south side of Mount Vernon Pl, between 7th & 9th

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- Streets NW. Some individuals will vigil Sunday morning & evening 3/5 **11AM-1PM** during speech by UN Ambassador John To endorse, learn about civil disobedience, or share comments, questions aiacprotest@earthlink.net list of endorsers <http://stopthewarnow.net/protests/aiacprotest-03-06.html> Initiated by DC Antiwar Network <http://dawnwdc.net>
- 6 POWERPOINT PRESENTATION: "LIFE IN OCCUPIED PALESTINE: EYEWITNESS STORIES & PHOTOS." With Anna Baltzer, author of "Witness in Palestine: Journal of a Jewish American Woman in the Occupied Territories." **7PM** Howard Co Central Library, 10375 Little Patuxent Parkway, **Columbia**. Sponsored by Marylanders for a Free Palestine and Secure Israel. Info 410-461-2040.
- 6 Do you know a college senior or recent graduate? FCNL is now accepting applications for legislative internships for 2006-2007. Interns work as full-time members of FCNL's staff for eleven months, from early September through the end of July. Interns receive a subsistence salary, health care, local transportation subsidy, paid vacation & sick leave. **Apply by March 6** at <http://www.fcnl.org/young/intern.htm>.
- ##7-8 "WOMEN SAY NO TO WAR" **7-9PM** Music by Holly Near & others. Foundry United Methodist Church, 1500 16th St., N.W. **DC** Dupont Circle metro stops #30 buses \$10 suggested donation March thru Downtown A delegation of Iraqi & American women, including mothers who have lost their children in this war, will travel to **DC** to pressure the Bush administration, meet with Congress people, hold public events and strategize for future actions. It will be an emotional and historic time, and we'd love for you to be there. sign the call <http://www.womensaynotowar.org> 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>. If you cannot come to DC, Use the day to pressure your local congressperson to support anti-war legislation or, if they are already doing so, take a stronger lead to bring our troops home. You can bring them copies of the signatures you've collected. And if you have already been lobbying your representative to no avail, consider a sit-in in their office. International Women's Day is a good time to get radical for peace!
- 7 EDUCATION FORUM ON BELTWAY WIDENING **7:30PM** Blair High School, sponsored by League of Women Voters of Montgomery County & other organizations. Info Tony & Toba Hausner 301-587-6943
- 7 NATIONAL "CHALLENGE FOR COMMON GROUND" DAY OF ACTION supporting access to birth control. Ask our leaders to Pass the Real Education About Life Act ("REAL": S.368/H.R.2553) to set up the first-ever federal sex-education program for young people; Pass the Access to Legal Pharmaceuticals Act("ALPhA": S.809/H.R.1652) to ensure that a woman receives her prescription contraception, in spite of rogue pharmacists who want to give them lectures instead. Pass the Equity in Prescription Insurance Contraceptive Coverage Act ("EPICC": S.1214/H.R.4651) ensuring prescription birth control equally covered with other prescription drugs, like Viagra. Pass the Compassionate Assistance for Rape Emergencies Act ("CARE": S.1264/H.R.2928) to ensure survivors of sexual assault are offered emergency contraception. Pass the Prevention First Act (S.20/H.R. 1709) to increase funds for family- planning services, ensure contraceptive equity in health insurance plans, & improve women's access to emergency contraception, among other things.
- 8 INT'L WOMEN'S DAY
- 8 Gender Equity Summit: Churros Y Chocolate **8AM-5PM** \$100 Education, Health, Women's Issues 1616 16th St NW #302, **DC**
- 8 WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION ANNA BALZER Author & peace activist for WILPF **3:30PM** Goucher College, Kelley Lecture Hall **Baltimore Co** Info Jeanne 410-254-1481
- 8 "CELEBRATION OF DEMOCRACY, DISSENT, & CIVIL LIBERTIES" & protest of the Bush Administration widespread policy of domestic spying & USA Patriot Act assaults on democracy & civil liberties. **4 PM** Front of the Delaware County Courthouse, Front St. & Veterans Sq., in **Media, PA**, Paul Hetzner, human rights attorney in Phila., & Max Obuszewski, a victim of NSA spying. Info www.brandywinepeace.com.
- 9 'STATE OF THE CITY' REPORT ON SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT & RECYCLING, **NOON** Neil Seldman, president of ILSR, DC Environmental Network monthly brown bag forum Friends of the Earth, 17171 Mass Ave., NW. **DC** City officials invited to provide up to date statistics on District programs and to add their comments to the presentation. Seldman's presentation will be 30 minutes after which a discussion will follow. Info Chris Weiss, Director, DCEN, 202-222-0746 202-421-7319 cell
- 9 Sr. Helen Prejean, CSJ **7:30PM** St. Ignatius Church, 740 N. Calvert St. **Baltimore**. Tickets required \$5 in advance, \$10 at the door. Info 410-435-750 www.mountsaintagnes.org/prejean
- 9 MEDEA BENJAMIN & EMAN AHMAD KHAMNAS – Iraqi Journalist "Stop the Next War Now: Effective Responses to Violence and Terrorism." **7:30PM** Pascal Center for Performing Arts, Anne Arundel Community College, 101 College Pkwy, **Arnold** Free Info 410-777-2808
- 10 HARRIET TUBMAN DAY African American Tourism Council remembers **9AM** at various venues Info 410-783-5469 www.bbhtours.com
- 10 COMMUNITY FORUM ON PEACE TAX FUND LEGISLATION Neighbors United for 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. Info jbmccain@verizon.net
- 10-3 4TH ECUMENICAL ADVOCACY DAYS FOR GLOBAL PEACE WITH JUSTICE **DC** develop strategies & tactics for nurturing peace, alleviating poverty & protecting the environment, comprehensive issue briefings & advocacy training, workshops in preparation for Lobby Day, & common times for ecumenical worship & denominational networking, challenging keynote addresses, & a banquet dinner. 3/13 Lobby Day Info & to register 202-230-2276 www.advocacydays.org info@advocacydays.org.
- 11-20 "ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK" for young people 18 or older sponsored by The Fellowship of Reconciliation in the Gulf Coast in collaboration with Katrina On the Ground, building and restoring homes, gutting irreparably damaged buildings, & helping survivors with their legal & financial problems. Housing & food provided by KOTG. Info Danae Davis 845-35-4601, ext. 18, danae@forusa.org
- 11 THE DANCE OF CONNECTION: SELF-EMPATHY, COMPASSION & CHOICE **10AM-3PM** **Bethesda** Workshop for those with previous NVC experience to deepen their "NVC consciousness." Info Jeanne at 301-585-4690 www.CapitolNVC.org To register Inessa dcnvc@hotmail.com.
- 11 FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT WIDOWS & ORPHANS IN AFGHANIST **2-4PM** **Annapolis** Friends' Meeting House, 351 DuBois Rd. Fahima Vorgetts to discuss current status Refreshments, belly dance entertainment FREE admission, Info or to RSVP Joanna Mendelman 410-626-0361 joannalm@aol.com Donate frequent flier miles for Malalai Joya's travel www.afghanwomensmission.org
- 11 WHAT IS THE WORLD SOCIAL FORUM? Betty Robinson will speak about her trip to Venezuela **3PM** The Red Canoe Children's Books & Coffee House, 4337 Harford Rd., **Baltimore** Info Jeanne 410-254-1481
- 11 "DEAD MAN WALKING" Lyric Opera House Info 410-727-6000
- 12 GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR BURMA, a special opportunity to unite for concerted prayer & action on behalf of those from Burma who have been oppressed. info <http://www.prayforburma.org> burma@u.washington.edu
- 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

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- 12-8 4TH ANNUAL NATIONAL LGBT HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK everywhere that people object to LGBT folks' disparate rates of suicide, cancers, etc. LGBT Health Awareness Week is a very visible way to promote lesbian, gay, bisexual, & transgender health in your community & across the nation. Info <http://www.lgbthealth.net>
- 14 NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEMAND A US WITHDRAWAL FROM IRAQ march with hurricane survivors, from the historic Stone St Baptist Church **Mobile** for five days, through three states down coastal Highway 90, & arrive in New Orleans 3/19, the third anniversary of the US invasion of Iraq. Info Paul Robinson, 251-604-1837 or Virginia Rodino, 443-996-5915. www.vetgulfmarch.org:
- 14 PANEL ON MD OPEN MEETING LAW League of Women Voters of **Baltimore** Co. **2:30-4:30PM** Cockeysville Library, 99833 Greenside Dr., Open to all Info 410-377-8046
- 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>
- 16 CONFLICT MEDIATION FOR YOUTH **6:45-8:45PM** SALSA class 1112 16th St NW Suite 600, **DC** \$30 series Info SALSA/IPS 202-234-9382 X229 netfa@hotsalsa.org
- 16-26 ENVIRONMENTAL FILM FESTIVAL Various times & locations **DC** Info 202-342-2564 envirofilmfest@igc.org www.dcenvironmentalfilmfest.org
- 16 PERU NEGRO Cultural Ambassadors showcase their music **8PM** U of MD, **College Park** Ina & Jack Kay Theatre, Univ. Blvd & Stadium Dr. Info 301-405-ARTS www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu
- 17 DEADLINE FOR Sowing Futures (Semilleros de Futuros), the 2006 Mexico Youth Summer Project. AFSC for young people Info Denise R. Davis, Mexico Youth Summer Project, AFSC, 1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA 19102, call 215-241-7295, or email mexicosummer@afsc.org. An application is available at www.afsc.org/mexicosummer.
- 17-20 PROTEST ACTIONS AGAINST THE WAR by Peace & Justice organizations throughout the **DC** region
- 17-9 FROM WAL-MART TO SMALL-MART Global Economy undermines foundations of US jobs & economy, & local business, alternatives workshop on local sustainable economies U of MD follow up meeting on May 7th. \$150 Info Joan@Cheers.org or CHEARS website - www.chears.org Joan Clement, Executive Coordinator, Chesapeake Education, Arts & d Research Society (CHEARS!) 301-891-1128 joan@chears.org
- 18 "Ask Dietitian Mark Rifkin" POT LUCK **6PM** bring dish without animal products serving at least 4 times number in party, & donation of \$5. No dish \$12 fee (2 days notice if paying for dinner) Spiritual Empowerment Center, 2129 N. Charles St. **Balto** Info Baltimore Earthsave 410-252-3043.
- 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
- 19-20 3RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE INVASION OF IRAQ, int'l days of action to end the occupation & war in Iraq. Info Global Call to Action dm@aglobalcall.org or <http://www.aglobalcall.org>
- #20 **DEADLINE** for announcements & events for April calendar
- 20 MARCH TO THE PENTAGON to Stop the War Machine Gather Vietnam Veterans Memorial **9AM** March to Pentagon **10AM, 11AM** Program **11:15AM** Ceremony to honor dead **11:30AM** Die-in risking arrest **DC** Info Max Obuszewski 410-323-7200 x 31 <http://iragpledge.org> Nat Campaign for Nonviolent Resistance Info on Nonviolent civil resistance pete_perry@yahoo.com.
- 20 CATONSVILLE BRANCH WOMEN'S INT'L LEAGUE FOR PEACE & FREEDOM (WILPF) free program, RUNNING DRY: WHO'S CONTROLLING YOUR WATER, featuring the new documentary film "THIRST" followed by a discussion on the corporate control of our water. **11AM-1PM**, **Catonville** Community College, Room K-100, by the cafeteria. Public is invited. Info 410-889-3185
- 21 INT'L DAY FOR ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION
- 21 DENOUNCE TORTURE FORUM **7-9:30PM** George Mason Law School Campus, **Arlington**. Confirmed speakers include Congressman Jim Moran & Barbara Olshansky & others Sponsored by Northern Virginia Amnesty Int'l Info Fran Bromberg franbromberg@cox.net
- 21-3 NICARAGUA NETWORK NATIONAL LEADERSHIP MEETING **DC** featured speaker, Elvin Castellon, share info about resources & activities of our local groups. Info Nicaragua Network 202-544-9355 1247 "E" St D.C. 20003
- 22 CREATING A CULTURE OF PEACE FACILITATOR TRAINING **Bangor, PA** www.forusa.org/programs/nvtraining/
- 22 PRAYERS FOR PEACE **7:30PM** Trinity Episcopal Church, 120 Allegany Ave, **Towson** Info frcharles@us.net
- 24-31 SABEL INTERNATIONAL WITNESS FOR PEACE VISIT Info <http://www.fosna.org/index.php?display=Spring2006WitnessTrip>
- 24-4/8 INTERFAITH PEACE-BUILDERS DELEGATION Fellowship of Reconciliation Info <http://www.forusa.org/programs/ipb/default.html>
- 26-8 "NEW NUKES, OLD NUKES, & MOUNTAINS OF WASTE: LET'S STOP THE MADNESS!" Nuclear Age Peace Foundation's **DC** Days Four days of training, advocacy, education & networking on issues concerning the nuclear weapons complex. Team visits with Bush Administration, Senators, Reps & their staff. Registration \$100. Info Carah Ong, the Foundation's DC Office Director 202- 543-4100, x105 cong@napf.org
- 26 CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE DUBOIS CIRCLE Dr. David Levering Lewis **2:30Pm Baltimore** Central Library, 400 Cathedral St.
- 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
- 30 ANNUAL NONPROFIT CAREER FAIR **11AM-3PM** Goucher College, Sports & Recreation Center **Baltimore** To register (free) & info <http://www.idealists.org/fairs.html> click on Baltimore.
- 31 CEASAR CHAVEZ DAY (1927 - 1993). A Mexican-Am labor leader & activist, nationally respected voice for social justice
- 31 "4 LITTLE GIRLS" Spike Lee Film & Social Consciousness Series **7PM** doors open **7:30PM** Film AFSC, 4806 York Rd., **Balto** Info Max 410-323-7200
- 31-4/3 FCNL SPRING LOBBY WEEKEND : EMPOWERING YOUNG ADULTS Info www.fcnl.org/young/
- APRIL**
- 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
- 1 SPEAKING PEACE: AN INTRODUCTION TO COMPASSIONATE COMMUNICATION **10AM-5PM Silver Spring** Inessa Love, co-founder of DC NVC, extended, day-long introductory workshop Info www.dcnvc.com

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- 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
- 2 GREEN SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STUDY & ACTION-DISCUSSION Generations for Peace and Democracy: **2:30-5PM** Pot Luck Feast -- Bring food/or/drinks to share Cork Gallery, 302 East Federal St. 21202 **Baltimore** Buzzer #9, elevator to 4th floor Info & to RSVP Libby ebaker@umbc.edu
- 2 Mo Co Alternatives to War SENATE CANDIDATES FORUM **2-4PM** The County Office Building In **Rockville**) FROM 1 -5. Info franpollner@yahoo.com (Probable date)
- 3-7 NATIONAL YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN Info 1-800-99-YOUTH jenb@sunburstvm.com
- 4 SPEAKING PEACE: COMPASSIONATE COMMUNICATION IN DAILY LIFE 6-week introductory-level class with Inessa Love Tuesday Evenings **7-9PM** (April 4, 11, 18, May 2, 9, 16) **Bethesda** foundation of Compassionate Communication, also known as Nonviolent Communication (NVC), the process developed by Marshall Rosenberg, Ph.D. Info www.dcnvc.com
- 15 TAX DAY, a time to consider where your taxes are going; consider Tax Resistance - Don't Pay for War
- 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>.
- 22 NATIONAL/INT'L DAY OF EVENTS IN SOLIDARITY W/THE ZAPATISTA MOVEMENT & their "Other Campaign." (tentative) Raise funds for projects in Zapatista Communities, raise consciousness surrounding the "Other Campaign." Info msdurita@rojo.net & seremos_libre_pronto@yahoo.com & www.livejournal.com/community/zap06/
- 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 20th anniversary of Chernobyl nuclear disaster. World's experts on Chernobyl, nuclear power generally, & sustainable development Info, 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, along with relevant background material. Send NIRS information on your plans for Chernobyl+20 to post on NIRS website 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 Vets welcome, meet with the House & Senate Committee on Veterans affairs. If coming let Gene Simes know by 3/31 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
- 27 DINING OUT FOR LIFE Moveable Feast's event to raise funds for HIV/AIDS at lots of **Baltimore** restaurants Info Jeff Burch 410-327-3420 x11 jburch@mfeast.org 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
- 28-30 2006 ANNUAL AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL USA's (AGM) MEETING The Hilton Portland & Executive Tower **Portland, Oregon** Info 202-544-.0200 agm@aiusa.org AIUSA-AGM, 600 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20003 www.amnestyusa.org/events/agm/
- 28-9 JOINT CONFERENCE: "Hear our Voices: Here We Are" National Education Association Building **DC** National Association for Asian & Pacific American Education (NAAPAE) & National Association for the Education & Advancement of Cambodian, Laotian, Vietnamese Americans (NAFEA) Annual Conference. Info Clara C. Park 818-677-2500 clara.park@csun.edu <http://www.naapae.net> To register Betty Jeung
- ##29** "CREATING A CULTURE OF PEACE" **Md Peace & Justice Conference Baltimore** Info Carol 410-363-3140 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, United for Peace & Justice, Rainbow/PUSH Coalition

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
- 17-20 CONFERENCE ON SPIRITUAL ACTIVISM All Souls Church, Unitarian, 16th & Harvard Sts, NW **DC** Info Tikkun 510-644-1200 fax 1255
- 19 MD GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES FORUM **1- 3PM**. MD State Fairgrounds, **Timonium**. Info Betsy Tolbert Luecking, Program Manager II, Montgomery County Dept. of Health & Human Services, Aging & Disability Services, 401 Hungerford Drive, 4th floor, Rockville, MD 20850 240-777-1256 betsy.luecking@montgomerycountymd.gov
- 27-6/10 Fellowship of Reconciliation INTERFAITH PEACE-BUILDERS DELEGATION Info www.forusa.org/programs/ipb/default.html

JUNE

- THE WORLD SOCIAL FORUM (WSF) **Atlanta, GA** Info 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 or 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
- 9-11 1ST NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE PRECAUTIONARY PRINCIPLE **Baltimore** sponsors Center for Health, Environment & Justice, Environmental Research Foundation & Science Environmental Health Network Info Anne Rave 518-732-4538 annerave@msn.com www.besafenet.com
- 15-8 The AMERICAN-ARAB ANTI-DISCRIMINATION COMMITTEE (ADC) annual Convention Wardman Park Marriott Hotel, **DC** Info 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

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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 <http://www.space4peace.org>

JULY

21-3 2006 NATIONAL NOW CONFERENCE & YOUNG FEMINIST SUMMIT Crowne Plaza Hotel **Albany, New York** Info 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

Sundays & Tuesdays "RAINBOW" English language radio program **2PM** 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, **DC**, 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 Spa Creek Bridge **Annapolis NOON-1PM** Info Lucy at 410-263-7271 mdbridgesforpeace@toadmail.com no signs on sticks or poles. If interest vigil Stoney Creek Bridge on Fort Smallwood Rd **Pasadena** 410-437-5379 or magicalqodmom@aol.com

1ST 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

2nd Sunday **SILENT INTERFAITH PEACE WALK AROUND WHITE HOUSE 1PM DC** Info www.wbpf.org info@sbf.org Buddhist Peace Fellowship Meet middle Lafayette Park by Andrew Jackson on horse No signs or banners, if possible wear white shirt

3rd Sunday **Grandmothers for Peace - Md chapter 2PM** Owen Brown Interfaith Center, 7246 Cradlerock Way **Columbia** Info Deborah Matherly 410-730-6049 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.

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

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

1st Monday **Baltimore/Columbia Nonviolence Discussion Group 7:30-9PM** 3230 Bethany Lane, Suite 4, **Ellicott City** Info Ted Nunn 410-992-5838 to

1st & 3rd 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 or <http://baltimore.indymedia.org/>

1st & 3rd Mons **MEETING OF THE FREDERICK PEACE RESOURCE CENTER 7:30PM** 4E Church St, Info Gus Fahey 301-663-6117 (**1st** is for General Public, **3rd** is Bd Meeting)

2nd 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>,

2nd Mon **CODEPINK DC MONTHLY MEETING 7PM** to talk strategy, plan events and actions & grow the Women's peace movement. 1405 Emerson St. NW (between 16th & 14th on Emerson). Info 202-487-5112 dc@codepinkalert.org .

2nd & 4th Mons **Marylanders for a Free Palestine & Secure Israel Columbia, 5PM**. Info 410-461-2040

3rd Mondays **Balto. County Greens 7PM** Ruby Tuesday, 401 York Rd. Info Dave Goldsmith dave@pchs.net 410-480-5256

4th Monday Face-to-face progressive-action book group **7PM Rockville** Barnes & Noble. Info 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 **3rd** & Independence Ave NW) **DC** Info Pat Elder elder@chesapeake.net

Every Tues **DC Anti-War Network (DAWN) 7PM** AFSC Office, 2211 14th Street, NW **DC** Info www.dawndc.net info@dawndc.net

Every Tues Nonviolent Communication ("NVC") practice group **7:15-9PM** 7406 Birch Ave **Takoma Park** Info NVCMD@yahoo.com

1st 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

1st Tues **Pledge Of Resistance-Baltimore 8PM** AFSC, 4806 York Rd Info 410-323-7200

1st & 3rd Tues Non Violence Practice group **7:30-9PM** 6703 Pawtucket Road, **Bethesda** Info meleneycoe@mindspring.com (to confirm)

2nd & 4th Tues **Coalition Against Global Exploitation** meets at the Progressive Action Center, 1443 Gorsuch Ave. **7:30PM Baltimore**

2nd & 4th 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.

2nd & 4th 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

3rd Tuesday **United Religious Interfaith Initiative For Peace** Episcopal Cathedral, Charles & University Pkwy, **Baltimore 7:30-9PM** Info David Cammack 410-552-9475

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

Last Tuesday, **Howard County Friends of Latin America** monthly meeting **7:30 PM** Info 410-381-4899

Every Wed. International Monetary Fund **9:30-10:30AM** in front of the I.M.F. (700 19th Ave NW, **DC** .

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. 25th St. , **Baltimore** Info 410-889-8333

Every Wed **VIGIL FOR PEACE** Rt. 108 & Georgia Ave., **Olney 4:15-5:15PM**, weather permitting.

ONGOING (cont'd)

- 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
- 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.
- 1st Wed. DEMOCRACY FOR **BALTIMORE** General Meeting **7PM** red fish tavern, 2350 Boston St. (Canton) Info Anand Narayan 410-615-9757
- 2nd & 4th 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
- 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 **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
- Every Thurs. **DAWN** protest **NOON** Penna. Ave -- White House, **DC** 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
- Every Thurs *peace prayers & discussion* on peace issues St. Mark's Lutheran 1900 St. Paul St. **Balto 5:45-6:30PM** Info john19@unidiol.com
- 1st 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
- 1st & 3rd Thur. **Balto Independent Media Center** collective at the Progressive Action Center, 1443 Gorsuch **7:30PM, Balto.** Info www.baltimore.indymedia.org
- 2nd Thurs Pledge of Resistance protests the war & occupation in Mt. Vernon at Centre & Charles Sts. **Baltimore 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.
- 2nd 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 4th 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, 17th & K Sts. NW Info 301-262-3062 womeninblackdc@yahoo.com
- 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
- 1st 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) Info info@wibfrederick.org www.wibfrederick.org
- 1st & 3rd Friday *Marylanders for a Free Palestine & Secure Israel, 10AM*, Blue Cow Café, Thunder Hill Rd., **Columbia** Info 410-465-3493
- 1st 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
- 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 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
- 1st 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
- 1st 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 11
- 2nd Sat **MARXIST BOOK CLUB, 10:30AM-1PM** Govans Branch, Enoch Pratt Library, 5714 Bellona Ave., **Baltimore** Main text *Historical Materialism* by V.G. Afanasyev. Organized MD Friends of the People's Weekly World. Info 410- 433-3269 or 410-433-4923.
- 2nd Sat odd months *Citizens for Global Solutions nationwide teleconf 1-2:30PM* Fairhaven, 7200 3rd Ave., **Sykesville** Info D. Commack 410-552-9475
- 2nd & Last Sat Peace Vigil *Women in Black 2-3PM*. front of the War Memorial, **Westminster** Info auntym38@qis.net.

NUCLEAR NEWS

20 scientists and engineers at the nation's two laboratories for nuclear-explosive design Livermore and Los Alamos in New Mexico are in a head-to-head competition to offer designs for the first of the new thermonuclear explosives, termed "reliable replacement warheads" or RRWs. Ex-military leaders are split on accepting a new, untested nuclear arsenal. Info Ian Hoffman at ihoffman@angnewspapers.com

Global Nuclear Energy Partnership (GNEP by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) would bury the U.S. under a mountain of reprocessing radioactive garbage, some of it even originating from overseas atomic reactors, a dirty, dangerous and expensive process that extracts plutonium from irradiated fuel & increases the amount of nuclear waste & radioactivity already routinely released into our air & water by operating reactors that contaminate our communities and jeopardize our health & safety.

A federal jury has determined that cold-war military contractors building nuclear bomb components contaminated lands owned by 12,000 neighbors with plutonium waste, & has recommended \$554 million in payments and penalties. Lawyers for the companies, Dow Chemical & Rockwell International, said they would appeal the decision. Info http://www.truthout.org/issues_06/021606EC.shtml

To sign up for updates on Yucca Mountain Info https://lists.epa.gov/read/all_forums/, scroll to "yucca-updates" click 'subscribe'

Radiation detectors in Britain recorded a fourfold increase in uranium levels in the atmosphere after the "shock & awe" bombing campaign against Iraq, according to a report. Environmental scientists who uncovered the figures through freedom of information laws say it is evidence that depleted uranium

from the shells was carried by wind currents to Britain. Government officials, however, say the sharp rise in uranium detected by radiation monitors in Berkshire was a coincidence and probably came from local sources. The results from testing stations at the Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE) in Aldermaston & four other stations within a 10-mile radius were obtained by Chris Busby, of Liverpool University's department of human anatomy & cell biology. Each detector recorded a significant rise in uranium levels during the Gulf war bombing campaign in March 2003. The reading from a park in Reading was high enough for the Environment Agency to be alerted. Busby, who has advised the government on radiation & is a founder of Green Audit, the environmental consultancy, believes "uranium aerosols" from Iraq were widely dispersed in the atmosphere & blown across Europe. "This research shows that rather than remaining near the target as claimed by the military, depleted uranium weapons contaminate both locals and whole populations hundreds to thousands of miles away," he said. The Ministry of Defence (MoD) countered that it was "unfeasible" depleted uranium could have travelled so far. Radiation experts also said that other environmental sources were more likely to blame. The "shock and awe" campaign was one of the most devastating assaults in modern warfare. In the first 24-hour period more than 1,500 bombs and missiles were dropped on Baghdad. During the conflict A10 "tankbuster" planes — which use munitions containing depleted uranium — fired 300,000 rounds. The substance — dubbed a "silver bullet" because of its ability to pierce heavy tank armour — is controversial because of its potential effect on human health. Critics say it is chemically toxic and can cause cancer, and Iraqi doctors reported a marked rise in cancer cases after it was used in the first Gulf conflict. American & British governments say depleted uranium is relatively harmless, however. The Royal Society, the UK's academy of science, has also said the risk from depleted uranium is "very low" for soldiers and people in a conflict zone. Busby's report shows that within nine days of the start of the Iraq war on March 19, 2003, higher levels of uranium were picked up on five sites in Berkshire. On two occasions, levels exceeded the threshold at which the Environment Agency must be informed, though within safety limits. The report says weather conditions over the war period showed a consistent flow of air from Iraq northwards. Brian Spratt, who chaired the Royal Society's report, cast doubt on depleted uranium as a source but said it could have come from natural uranium in the massive amounts of soil kicked up by shock and awe. Other experts said local environmental sources, such as a power station, were more likely at fault. The Environment Agency said detectors at other sites did not record a similar increase, which suggested a local source. A MoD spokesman said the uranium was of a "natural origin" & there was no evidence that depleted uranium had reached Britain from Iraq. (The Sunday Times - Britain February 19, 2006)

US President George W. Bush & Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh announced a new deal to allow the resumption of full civilian nuclear cooperation between the two countries for the first time since India improperly used US nuclear material for its 1974 bomb test. The US should strengthen ties with India through expanded cooperation in trade & human development, scientific & medical research, energy technology, & humanitarian relief, but the US should not expand nuclear cooperation with any state if it comes at the expense of efforts to curb the spread of nuclear weapons. Weakening existing US nonproliferation laws in order to facilitate the US-Indian nuclear deal will have negative security impacts for the America & undermine global nonproliferation efforts. Tell Congress to just say "No" to breaking the nonproliferation rules upon which our security depends & co-sponsor H. Con. Res. 318, a bi-partisan resolution to preserve the nonproliferation regime!

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

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 www.nirs.org

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 or globalnet@mindspring.com

OTHER NOTES

The U.S. Treasury Department ordered a Sheraton Hotel in Mexico City to evict 16 Cuban nationals who were in Mexico to meet with American energy executives & discuss drilling for oil in Cuba. The Treasury Department argued that providing them rooms and services in a third country violated the prohibition against engaging in financial transactions with Cuba. Congressmen Howard Berman (D-CA) & Jeff Flake (R-AZ) are collecting signatures in the House of Representatives on a letter to Treasury demanding an explanation. Make sure your representative signs this letter!

Nearly 120,000 veterans - more than one of every four who served in Iraq & Afghanistan - have already sought treatment at Veterans Health Administration hospitals for a wide range of illnesses, according to an internal study the VHA completed late last year. More than 30% of those sick veterans are afflicted with some type of mental disorder, mostly posttraumatic stress and depression. An additional 35,000 - more than 29% of the total - were diagnosed with "ill-defined conditions," according to the study, which was prepared in October by VHA epidemiologist Dr. Han Kang but has yet to be publicly released. Info <http://www.nydailynews.com/news/col/story/389253p-330152c.html>

Diesel-fueled trains & boats cause about 4,400 premature deaths, nearly 5,700 nonfatal heart attacks & more than 73,000 asthma attacks in children, says an air pollution control officials study by associations representing. Info www.truthout.org/issues_06/printer_020606HB.shtml

"**WHY WE FIGHT**": reasons for Iraq War & war in general - includes views of Americans from all walks of life & shines light on of how the corporate defense industry in effect 'runs' the Pentagon & U.S. foreign policy. Highly recommended.. seattletimes.com : "Why We Fight"

US government plans to sell of public lands. Info <http://www.realcities.com/mld/krwashington/13833486.htm?template=contentModules/printstory.jsp>

Don't let Bush administration turn our port security over to The United Arab Emirates. They casually & secretly planned on approving sale of control of six of our major ports to a company controlled by UAE. To take action http://www.nocrony.com/port_security.php

Plans to accelerate logging activities on all public & private lands are currently being discussed by Gov. Ehrlich's Sustainable Forestry Commission. Info on two forest bills http://www.magicalliance.org/2006Legislati_on1.htm.

A joint declaration between the Cuban & Iranian parliaments, signed in Havana, pleaded for the total ban of weapons of mass destruction & demanded from the int'l community effective steps for that to take place. Info <http://www.plenglish.com>

Europe faces new pressure to open its markets to genetically-modified food from the US after the World Trade Organization ruled that the EU broke int'l rules with its moratorium on new licences. Info http://www.truthout.org/issues_06/printer_020806HB.shtml

Funding for Program Open Space will be ensured through **SB493 & HB 815** requiring repayment of diverted funds to begin in 2008; a full 4 years sooner than is currently in the law. Send e-mails to the Governor & your legislators. Info bobdegroot@comcast.net

NOTES (cont'd)

Researchers found that pesticide levels in children's bodies dropped to zero after just a few days of eating organic produce & grains. "After they switch back to a conventional diet, the levels go up," said study co-author Chensheng Lu, an assistant professor of environmental and occupational health at Emory University. Info <http://www.forbes.com/lifestyle/health/feeds/hscout/2006/02/20/hscout531114.html>

Tell your MD Legislators to Support the Hixon-Bobo Implementation Plan for paper ballots.

There will be candlelight vigils at the courthouse across from 45 S. Main St **7PM** first Friday after every milestone death (2300, 2400, etc.) to keep **Bel Air** aware of the war & 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.

A study of hunger in MD shows that those relying on soup kitchens & food banks increased about 10% since 2001-about 50,000 receiving some form, of emergency hunger-relief services each week. (Sun Paper-2/24 lynnanderson@baltsun.com)

Resource for **conscientious objectors**: www.objector.org The Church of the Brethren will Revive '**Alternative Service**' Draft Programs Info 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.

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

Info on lmpeachbush@VoteTolmpeach.org

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

MoveOn has **online forum to share ideas & goals for MoveOn and our nation**. www.actionforum.com/forum/index.html?forum_id=266

Consumer Reports has a website geared toward the "**green**" consumer www.greenerchoices.org

Info on **MONTGOMERY_COUNTER_RECRUITING** GROUP agentforchange@comcast.net

Info on NEIGHBORS UNITED FOR JUSTICE & PEACE MEETING **Mt. Rainier** Mary Parker mponthego@earthtones.com

89.3 WPFW-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.

There is an issue concerning the narrow range of guests on WAMU radio when the topics are war, national security and militarism. The vast majority come from center, center-right & extreme-right think tanks & news organizations. Please give them feedback.

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

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

BBC World News is available online at news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world.

Common Dreams News Center at www.commondreams.org offers news, commentary, and extensive links to alternative news services and progressive publications online.

AlterNet: 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

Info on Baltimore Tikkun chapter she030351@yahoo.com or 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.ushrm.org.

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

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

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

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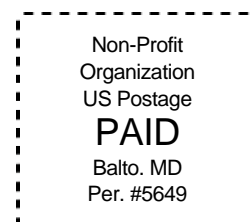
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