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## Creating a new paradigm away from fear and “good versus evil”

[From the website [wanttoknow.info](http://wanttoknow.info)]

Together, we can and will create a new paradigm on Earth. Yet in order to give meaningful suggestions for this, we first need to speak candidly about what's happening in the world at present. It appears that there are factions within the world's power elite which desire to exert as much control as possible over the world. Their primary means for establishing control are through promoting fear, secrecy, and polarization, and through distracting people from their deeper purpose in life. As these factions gain ever greater power and control, our freedoms and liberties are increasingly taken away, sometimes without our even realizing it.

Fear is used as a powerful tool of control by these factions of the global elite. “The terrorists want to kill us all. Your job, savings, and retirement are no longer secure. You are either for us or against us. We might be attacked at any time.” All of these messages push us towards fear. And by encouraging us to focus blame on others such as terrorists and “evil” leaders, the global power brokers push us away from feeling in control of our lives and towards the role of powerless victims. The more we slip into fear and being victims, the easier it is for us to be manipulated.

Secrecy leads to control through preventing the exposure of hidden

agendas, and through breeding distrust, suspicion, and paranoia in the world. In the name of “national security,” we are told ever more frequently that we should not know what is happening behind closed doors in government. Yet we are encouraged to keep vigilant watch over our neighbors, over those who question the government, and over those who look or act different from us, as they could secretly be terrorists in sheep's clothing. Rampant suspicion and secrecy are causing us to lose touch with the common humanity we share with all around us.

Polarization leads to “us vs. them” ways of thinking. Divide and conquer is a tactic that has been used successfully by the power elite of the world for centuries. As long as people focus on blaming and attacking “the enemy,” they are not likely to look for the deeper causes of their problems. Controlling factions of the power elite work to keep public and media attention focused on issues which divide us into two polarized camps, so that their greatest concerns of power and control go unnoticed. The power brokers then control both sides of the divided public by assuring that corporate ownership of the media and key candidates from all political parties support their deeper power and polarization agendas, which often involve war profiteering.

A final subtle, yet powerful method

of gaining control is to distract people from their purpose in life. Consider that television, radio, and movies are filled with ever more greed, violence, and empty sex. Our educational system increasingly prioritizes passing tests over developing intelligence and creativity. Excessive corporate control of the media limits what news we receive, and often shapes our decisions and the way we think. Our attention is subtly being diverted from our deeper purpose in life to the more superficial attractions of sex, consumerism, and money.

As people succumb to fear, secrecy, and polarization, and as they lose touch

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# The Iraq Civil War—Our legacy

by Richard Freed

No matter when we leave Iraq, and leave we must, further bloodshed and civil war will ensue. Such violence, caused by our destroying Hussein's Baathist government with no plan to replace it, will be a lasting black stain on the moral record of the US government here and throughout the world. That stain, while not as dark as that left by the tyrant, Hussein, will result from our having no idea what to do about the social and political vacuum we created. We have become the proverbial chicken without a head, running without real purpose throughout the land of Iraq.

I recall traveling through what was then Yugoslavia in 1965, a time when that country was under the firm control of Marshal Joseph Tito. All seemed peaceful, and the people were clearly, to any observer passing through that county content, though Tito was a strong-armed dictator. After Tito's death in 1980, things changed rapidly. The Yugoslavian federated republic began to fall apart immediately, inflamed largely by ethnic and religious divisions that had lain, smoldering, beneath the surface. By 1992, war broke out, and Yugoslavia ceased to exist as a political entity. The serenity that I had witnessed thirty years before had been artificially imposed since WW II by the will of the powerful dictator. After the horrifying bloodshed and ethnic cleansing of the 1990s, Yugoslavia dissolved into a group of independent republics. Tensions still exist among these new states.

There is a clear parallel with Iraq of 2007. Today, no one defends Saddam Hussein's ruthless and cruel actions as the dictator who ruled from 1973 to 2003. Hussein destroyed all enemies, perceived and real, and was responsible for uncounted, horrible crimes against innocent Iraqi citizens. No reasonable defense of Hussein's actions can be imagined.

But because the US government tumbled the Hussein regime with absolutely no plan for replacing it, the chaos, the civil war that has followed, was inevitable. The conflicts among the people of Iraq, a land like the former Yugoslavia, artificially created in the 20th century, consisting of conflicting ethnic and religious peoples, had been held firmly in check by the tyrant, Saddam Hussein. He was evil, but there

was stability in the land, the murdering notwithstanding. Now, there is nothing to keep those conflicts in check, and Iraq is in the middle of a seemingly endless civil war. This civil war will only get worse, no matter what we try to accomplish.

The US should leave Iraq now. No positive or constructive options exist.

No matter when we leave, the civil war, now in nearly full swing, will become worse, and no expert can predict how far reaching the violence will become. We are now totally powerless to control future—or current—events in the country we invaded and conquered. We cannot bring about a political solution in which Iraqis will live in peace with each other. We cannot make things better or more hopeful, no matter when we leave. As with Viet Nam, we have fought the wrong war at the wrong time.

Every day we stay, more Americans die tragically, for no purpose. The unnecessary death of Americans must stop.

The US should begin withdrawing its military forces from Iraq now, pulling out slowly, but pulling out nevertheless. There is nothing else that we can do. ■

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## New paradigm (continued)

with their sense of purpose in life, elements of the global elite are able to exert ever more control over our lives and world.

What can we do about all this? Ultimately, it is the collective fear, secrecy, polarization, and loss of purpose within all of us that has allowed leaders to take power who would subvert democracy, and who would take away our freedoms and liberties. By each one of us making a commitment to work on these issues both inside of ourselves and out in the world and to inspire others to do the same we can change our collective direction and build a solid foundation for a new paradigm. Several actions can help us to take firm steps in that direction.

*Develop purpose and intentions for your life. To live full, rich lives in today's*

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complex world, it's vitally important to give your life clear direction by exploring what is deepest and most meaningful to you, and by developing life purpose and intentions based on this. Then choose to live your intentions and follow your purpose to the best of your ability every day. By choosing to live with clear direction and focus, life becomes deeper and more meaningful. This then weakens the seduction of consumerism and media hype which distract us from our purpose, and allows us to more effectively focus on creating a new paradigm.

*Choose to transform fear into acceptance and love.* When we notice ourselves feeling fear, we can trace the roots of that fear, so that we are able to identify our core issues and deal more consciously with them. We can open to guidance from friends, teachers, and spiritual sources in helping us to move from fear to acceptance and understanding. In doing this, we begin to recognize fear as an invitation to growth.

*Become aware of when you are playing the role of victim, and choose instead to take personal responsibility for creating a new paradigm.* In blaming others for our problems, we often avoid taking responsibility for how much we are involved in creating these problems through the choices we make. Whenever we catch ourselves playing the role of victim by blaming others (including the power elite) for everything that's wrong in our lives, we can choose to take a look inside ourselves, and to explore and take responsibility for our role in what's happening. By focusing less on blaming others, and more on improving ourselves, every one of us can make a difference both in our lives and in our world.

*Avoid secrecy and encourage openness and transparency.* An important way we can do this is to work together to inform friends and colleagues about the major cover-ups being hidden from the public. Then in our personal lives, when we notice ourselves keeping information from others, we can examine our motives for this secrecy. Are we withholding information out of our own self-interest, or because this is really what's best for all involved? And

on a deeper level, where are we avoiding being honest with ourselves?

*Move beyond polarization and the focus on "good vs. evil" and "us vs. them."* Consider the possibility that all of us are doing what we believe to be right based upon our beliefs, circumstances, and upbringing. Each of us has a place in our heart that wants only to love and be loved. As we focus less on blaming and judging "them" and more on supporting the highest motive in all people including members of the power elite we increasingly come to see that we are all one human family, and that we can choose to transform our world by working together for the good of all.

And finally, *come together in groups and communities to support each other in making these positive changes.* In these groups and communities, we support each other in transforming fear into acceptance and love. We exchange information about all that is being hidden from us and explore ways to move beyond polarization. We also share our life purpose and intentions and encourage each other to live these as fully as we can. And we inspire each other to take responsibility for our lives and to be the best that we can be. When we gather in community to support each other in these intentions, we join in building a growing network of inspiration and empowerment around the planet.

These suggestions emphasize changing the collective consciousness of the world by transforming both our own personal lives and the world around us. Let us do all that we can to stop destructive behaviors of the global power elite. Yet let us not overly focus on changing the outside world without first having a solid internal foundation, lest we fall into blaming others, and into the polarizing "us vs. them" ways which only further divide us. By reminding ourselves that the most powerful change starts inside each one of us, we can develop more balance and strength to then work towards positive change out in the world.

As we change ourselves from the inside out, we send ripples of inspiration and healing out into the world. By joining together in groups and com-

munities to support each other in this, those ripples become waves which powerfully help to create a new paradigm for all of us. ■

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## Momentum gaining for Marches in DC in September

*[September 15 will be a March on Washington for the impeachment of Bush and Cheney. see [votetotimpeach.or](http://votetotimpeach.or). Then there is this from the Troops Out Now Coalition (TONC) about a big September 29 March.]*

Momentum is growing for the national mass March on Washington on September 29, with hundreds of endorsements pouring in. Since April, when TONC proposed the Encampment to Stop the War and the March on Washington, activists across from across the U.S. have been contacting us to support the call for united, grassroots action to put an end to Bush's criminal war.

It is now painfully clear that waiting for the Democrats to "do the right thing" is a waste of time and energy. Despite being elected with a clear mandate to end the war, Democrats in Congress have continued to fund the war. If they had any intention whatsoever of ending the criminal occupation of Iraq, the troops could already be home now; instead, they have bent over backwards to vote for the funding, while counting on the antiwar movement to stand down and follow them blindly into the voting booth next November. Meanwhile, every 10 minutes another Iraqi dies, and the U.S. spends more than \$277,000 a minute on the war, money that is desperately needed for health care, housing, education, jobs at a living wage, rebuilding the Gulf Coast, and many other human needs.

Only a massive grassroots tidal wave of resistance will put an end to the brutal occupation of Iraq. September will be the next big struggle over funding for the war - and the next opportunity for us to unite to go from protest to resistance. It is not enough to just

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# Ten things needed for a post-oil society

by James Howard Kunstler

*Editor's Note: James Howard Kunstler is a leading writer on the topic of peak oil and the problems it poses for American suburbia. Deeply concerned about the future of our petroleum dependent society, Kunstler believes we must take radical steps to avoid the total meltdown of modern society in the face of looming oil and gas shortages. For background on this topic, read Kunstler's essay, "Pricey Gas, That's Reality."*

Out in the public arena, people frequently twang on me for being "Mister Gloom'n'doom," or for "not offering any solutions" to our looming energy crisis. So, for those of you who are tired of wringing your hands, who would like to do something useful, or focus your attention in a purposeful way, here are my suggestions:

**1.** *Expand your view beyond the question of how we will run all the cars by means other than gasoline.* This obsession with keeping the cars running at all costs could really prove fatal. It is especially unhelpful that so many self-proclaimed "greens" and political "progressives" are hung up on this monomaniacal theme. Get this: the cars are not part of the solution (whether they run on fossil fuels, vodka, used fry-max™ oil, or cow dung). They are at the heart of the problem. And trying to salvage the entire Happy Motoring system by shifting it from gasoline to other fuels will only make things much worse. The bottom line of this is: start thinking beyond the car. We have to make other arrangements for virtually all the common activities of daily life.

**2.** *We have to produce food differently.* The Monsanto/Cargill model of industrial agribusiness is heading toward its Waterloo. As oil and gas deplete, we will be left with sterile soils and farming organized at an unworkable scale. Many lives will depend on our ability to fix this. Farming will soon return much closer to the center of American economic life. It will necessarily have to be done more locally, at a smaller-and-finer scale, and will require more human labor. The value-added activities associated with farming — e.g. making

products like cheese, wine, oils — will also have to be done much more locally. This situation presents excellent business and vocational opportunities for America's young people. It also presents huge problems in land-use reform. Not to mention the fact that the knowledge and skill for doing these things has to be painstakingly retrieved from the dumpster of history.

**3.** *We have to inhabit the terrain differently.* Virtually every place in our nation organized for car dependency is going to fail to some degree. Quite a few places (Phoenix, Las Vegas, Miami ...) will support only a fraction of their current populations. We'll have to return to traditional human ecologies at a smaller scale: villages, towns, and cities (along with a productive rural landscape). Our small towns are waiting to be reinhabited. Our cities will have to contract. The cities that are composed proportionately more of suburban fabric (e.g. Atlanta, Houston) will pose especially tough problems. Most of that stuff will not be fixed. The loss of monetary value in suburban property will have far-reaching ramifications. The stuff we build in the decades ahead will have to be made of regional materials found in nature — as opposed to modular, snap-together, manufactured components — at a more modest scale. This whole process will entail enormous demographic shifts and is liable to be turbulent. Like farming, it will require the retrieval of skill-sets and methodologies that have been forsaken. The graduate schools of architecture are still tragically preoccupied with teaching Narcissism. Our attitudes about land-use will have to change dramatically. The building codes and zoning laws will eventually be abandoned and will have to be replaced with vernacular wisdom.

**4.** *We have to move things and people differently.* This is the sunset of Happy Motoring (including the entire US trucking system). Get used to it. Don't waste your society's remaining resources trying to prop up car-and-truck dependency. Moving things and people by water and rail is vastly more energy-

efficient. Need something to do? Get involved in restoring public transit. Let's start with railroads, and let's make sure we electrify them so they will run on things other than fossil fuel or, if we have to run them partly on coal-fired power plants, at least scrub the emissions and sequester the CO<sub>2</sub> at as few source-points as possible. We also have to prepare our society for moving people and things much more by water. This implies the rebuilding of infrastructure for our harbors, and also for our inland river and canal systems — including the towns associated with them. The great harbor towns, like Baltimore, Boston, and New York, can no longer devote their waterfronts to condo sites and bikeways. We actually have to put the piers and warehouses back in place. Right now, programs are underway to restore maritime shipping based on wind — yes, sailing ships. It's for real. Lots to do here.

**5.** *We have to transform retail trade.* The national chains that have used the high tide of fossil fuels to contrive predatory economies-of-scale (and kill local economies) — they are going down. WalMart and the other outfits will not survive the coming era of expensive, scarcer oil. They will not be able to run the "warehouses-on-wheels" of 18-wheel tractor-trailers incessantly circulating along the interstate highways. Their 12,000-mile supply lines to the Asian slave-factories are also endangered as the US and China contest for Middle East and African oil. The local networks of commercial interdependency which these chain stores systematically destroyed (with the public's acquiescence) will have to be rebuilt brick-by-brick and inventory-by-inventory. This will require rich, fine-grained, multi-layered networks of people who make, distribute, and sell stuff (including the much-maligned "middlemen"). Don't be fooled into thinking that the Internet will replace local retail economies. Internet shopping is totally dependent now on cheap delivery, and delivery will no longer be cheap. It also is predicated on

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electric power systems that are completely reliable. That is something we are unlikely to enjoy in the years ahead. Do you have a penchant for retail trade and don't want to work for a big predatory corporation? There's lots to do here in the realm of small, local business.

**6. *We will have to make things again in America.*** However, we are going to make less stuff. We will have fewer things to buy, fewer choices of things. The curtain is coming down on the endless blue-light-special shopping frenzy that has occupied the forefront of daily life in America for decades. But we will still need household goods and things to wear. As a practical matter, we are not going to re-live the 20th century. The factories from America's heyday of manufacturing (1900-1970) were all designed for massive inputs of fossil fuel, and many of them have already been demolished. We're going to have to make things on a smaller scale by other means. Perhaps we will have to use more water power. The truth is, we don't know yet how we're going to make anything. This is something that the younger generations can put their minds and muscles into.

**7. *The age of canned entertainment is coming to an end.*** It was fun for a while. We liked "Citizen Kane" and the Beatles. But we're going to have to make our own music and our own drama down the road. We're going to need playhouses and live performance halls. We're going to need violin and banjo players and playwrights and scenery-makers, and singers. We'll need theater managers and stage-hands. The Internet is not going to save canned entertainment. The Internet will not work so well if the electricity is on the fritz half the time (or more).

**8. *We'll have to reorganize the education system.*** The centralized secondary school systems based on the yellow school bus fleets will not survive the coming decades. The huge investments we have made in these facilities will impede the transition out of them, but they will fail anyway. Since we will be a less-affluent society, we probably won't be able to replace these centralized facilities with smaller and more equitably distributed schools, at least not

right away. Personally, I believe that the next incarnation of education will grow out of the home schooling movement, as home schooling efforts aggregate locally into units of more than one family. Who knows what happens beyond secondary education. The big universities, both public and private, may not be salvageable. And the activity of higher education itself may engender huge resentment by those foreclosed from it. But anyone who learns to do long division and write a coherent paragraph will be at a great advantage -- and, in any case, will probably out-perform today's average college graduate. One thing for sure: teaching children is not liable to become an obsolete line-of-work, as compared to public relations and sports marketing. Lots to do here, and lots to think about. Get busy, future teachers of America.

**9. *We have to reorganize the medical system.*** The current skein of intertwined rackets based on endless Ponzi buck passing scams will not survive the discontinuities to come. We will probably have to return to a model of service much closer to what used to be called "doctoring." Medical training may also have to change as the big universities run into trouble functioning. Doctors of the 21st century will certainly drive fewer German cars, and there will be fewer opportunities in the cosmetic surgery field. Let's hope that we don't slide so far back that we forget the germ theory of disease, or the need to wash our hands, or the fundamentals of pharmaceutical science. Lots to do here for the unsqueamish.

**10. *Life in the USA will have to become much more local, and virtually all the activities of everyday life will have to be re-scaled.*** You can state categorically that any enterprise now supersized is likely to fail -- everything from the federal government to big corporations to huge institutions. If you can find a way to do something practical and useful on a smaller scale than it is currently being done, you are likely to have food in your cupboard and people who esteem you. An entire social infrastructure of voluntary associations, co-opted by the narcotic of television, needs to be reconstructed. Local insti-

tutions for care of the helpless will have to be organized. Local politics will be much more meaningful as state governments and federal agencies slide into complete impotence. Lots of jobs here for local heroes.

So, that's the task list for now. Forgive me if I left things out. Let's quit wishing and start doing and maturely face our new circumstances. ■

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"The environment is very important in the aspects of peace because when we destroy our resources, they become scarce and we fight over that." —Wangari Maathai

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## Washington Marches (cont.)

march and go home; we need to occupy the occupiers.

The Troops Out Now, working with other national and local organizations, is moving forward to build a week of resistance in Washington DC. Beginning on September 22, we will erect an Encampment to Stop the War, directly in front of the Capitol. Activists from across the U.S. are planning to set up tents and displays at the Encampment. Grassroots and community organizations are organizing their own tents to highlight issues they are focusing on. Musicians, spoken word artists, and poets are organizing "Culture and Resistance" for the Encampment. Youth activists are organizing a student strike. During the week of the Encampment, activists are planning a series of dramatic protests and direct actions as part of the move from protest to resistance. We cannot allow the corporate politicians (of both parties) to continue with 'business as usual' as they continue to orchestrate the deaths of more Iraqi people and U.S. soldiers.

Then, to cap off this first week of a new phase of struggle, we will march from the Capitol to the White House on September 29, to demand the immediate, complete, and unconditional withdrawal of all U.S. troops from Iraq.

As we are building for the national March on Washington on September 29 and the Encampment to Stop the War, it is vital that we work to link the struggles against the war abroad and the war at home. ■

# Lather, rinse, repeat; lather, rinse, repeat; lather, rinse, r

by William Rivers Pitt

Who can forget the incredible scandal that erupted back in May of 2002? Around about the middle of that month, details began to emerge about the August 6, 2001 Presidential Daily Briefing that specifically warned Bush about Osama bin Laden's determination to strike the United States.

Wait. Actually, everyone forgot, because two days later, the Bush administration unleashed a blizzard of dire warnings about impending terrorist attacks. FBI Director Robert Mueller intoned such attacks were "inevitable," and the Department of Homeland Security announced the imminent, explosive destruction of all American railroads, along with the Brooklyn Bridge and the Statue of Liberty.

Who can forget the incredible scandal that erupted back in June of 2003? Over the course of two days, reports emerged about serious doubts held by the CIA regarding the credibility of the administration's claim Iraq tried to buy uranium from Niger. On the heels of this, Congress unfurled its 9/11 report, which criticized all levels of the Bush administration for its performance before and during the attacks.

Wait. Actually, everyone forgot, because the Bush administration unleashed another blizzard of warnings about impending terrorist attacks. Specifically, the Department of Homeland Security warned terrorists were, once again, preparing to attack the United States with suicide missions using commercial airliners as bombs.

Who can forget the incredible scandal that erupted back in December of 2003? 9/11 Commission chairman Thomas Keane declared the attacks of 9/11 should have been prevented. The next day, a Federal appeals court ruled against the administration on the case of suspected terrorist Jose Padilla, stating Padilla could not be held indefinitely without being charged.

Wait. Actually, everyone forgot, because the Bush administration increased the terrorism threat level to Orange and claimed more suicide planes were about to come zooming out of the sky. Six international flights were diverted due to potential terrorist actions of some passengers who were later identified as an insurance

salesman, an elderly Chinese woman and a five-year-old boy.

Who can forget the incredible scandal that erupted back in May of 2004? Secretary of State Colin Powell appeared on Meet the Press and stated the intelligence on Iraqi WMD he'd been given for his UN presentation had been "inaccurate and wrong and, in some cases, deliberately misleading." Horrifying new pictures of the torture, rape and murder of prisoners by Americans at Abu Ghraib prison became public. The American military accidentally bombed a wedding party in Iraq, killing 40 civilians.

Wait. Actually, everyone forgot, because FBI Director Mueller and Attorney General John Ashcroft announced they had reports from multiple sources of al Qaeda's "specific intention to hit the United States hard." The threat levels were not raised, but dire warnings of impending catastrophe were offered by the administration for the next several days.

The recipe is simple, like the directions on the back of a shampoo bottle. Damaging reports of Bush administration malfeasance emerge. Warnings of imminent terrorist-borne doom immediately follow, all spread far and wide by said Bush administration. Lather, rinse, repeat.

There are many more instances of this curious timing to be found, but apparently, no one in the administration is concerned this dubious pattern — spreading fear among the populace to change the subject, an act of terrorism itself — might start to wear thin.

Who is going to forget the incredible scandals of June and July of 2007? The Bush administration leaves Nixon in the dust by commuting the prison sentence of I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby. This action strongly suggests the existence of a quid pro quo between Libby and Bush's people to cover up the criminal activities of powerful officials like Vice President Dick Cheney, who had recently claimed his office wasn't part of the executive branch to avoid handing papers over to the National Archives.

The administration deploys spurious claims of Executive Privilege to avoid subpoenas regarding the patently illegal NSA wiretapping of American citizens. That

privilege is extended to deny Congressional access to Harriet Miers, former White House counsel, regarding the issue of fired US attorneys. Contempt charges are threatened against Miers, and the NSA subpoena stonewall comes closer to getting openly challenged in court. Alberto Gonzales is exposed as having lied to the Senate in his testimony about FBI abuses of the Patriot Act.

Few of the benchmarks for success in Iraq are met. Desperate to halt a tide of GOP defections from his Iraq policy, Bush again coughs up the totally discredited link between 9/11 and Iraq, saying, "The same people that attacked us on September the 11th is a crowd that is now bombing people, killing innocent men, women and children." The House again votes to withdraw American troops from Iraq. A new Harris poll on Bush's approval rating is published. The number reads 26 percent.

Wait. Homeland Security chief Michael Chertoff all but guarantees devastating new terror attacks against the United States this summer. He bases this warning on a "gut feeling." White House spokesman Tony Snow threatens that withdrawal from Iraq would bring terrorism "to a shopping mall near you."

Meanwhile, al Qaeda is alleged to be as secure in Pakistan and Afghanistan as they were before 9/11, yet no one in the administration connects this new security to the drain of resources happening in Iraq. Additionally, no one in the administration points out the fact that, if Chertoff's gut is indeed correct, and we are indeed attacked again, responsibility for that attack will fall upon those who manufactured war in Iraq. Never mind the fact that if an attack is allowed to happen, even a minor one, more of our constitutional rights and protections will be eviscerated by the very same people who failed to stop it again.

Will everyone forget about the scandals of June and July 2007 amid these deadly warnings of coming death?

Lather, rinse, repeat. ■

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## *Events at a Glance*

<b><i>Date/Time</i></b>	<b><i>Event Description</i></b>	<b><i>Contact</i></b>
Saturday, August 18 8:00 pm	<b>Kickoff Parade for Until the Violence Stops: KY</b> , gather starting at 7 PM at corner of Rose Street and Main Street. The start of a festival about the issue of violence against women and children. Sponsored by the Kentucky Domestic Violence Association and the Bluegrass Domestic Violence Association.	Diane Fleet, 233-0657
Sunday, August 26 2:30 pm	<b>Annual Celebration of National Women's Equality Day</b> , Ann Ross to speak. Lexington History Museum, 215 W Main St.	Annette Mayer, 266-6073
Sunday, August 26 4:00 pm ●	<b>"Peace Work" an interactive program of poetry &amp; music about cultivating peace with George Ella Lyon, poet, &amp; Roberta Guthrie, cellist.</b> Friends Meetinghouse, 649 Price Av.	Roberta Guthrie, 299-2029
Mon., August 27; 5-8 pm Tue., Aug. 28; 7:30 am-6 pm	<b>Iraq Summer: "Take a Stand—24 hours for peace.</b> Phoenix Park, rallies, music, speakers, candlelight vigils. Details TBA. See justicelist.typepad.com for updates.	Howard Myers, 268-9225
Sunday, September 23 Time TBA	<b>CKCPJ Annual Planning Retreat.</b> Place TBA. All are welcome. Get in on the discussion and planning for the next year of peace and justice activism in our community! Update next month.	Rosie Moosnick, 268-5260
1 <sup>st</sup> Wed. of the month, 7:00 pm	<b>CKCPJ Board Meeting</b> , KCCJ offices, 112 N. Upper St. All welcome.	Kerby Neill, 293-2265
Every Sunday 6:00 pm	<b>Sustainable Communities Network</b> , Third Street Stuff, on N.Limestone near the corner of Third St. <a href="http://www.SustainLex.org">www.SustainLex.org</a>	Jim Embry, 312-7024
1 <sup>st</sup> Wed. of the month, 4:00 - 6:30 pm	<b>Franciscan Peace Center</b> , 3389 Squire Oak.	Pat Griffin 230-1986
Every Thursday, 5:30 - 6:00 pm	<b>Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Peace</b> , Triangle Park in downtown Lexington.	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed. of the month, 7:00 - 8:30 pm	<b>Humanist Forum of Central Kentucky (AHA)</b> , Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd.	Dick Renfro, 255-7029
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month,	<b>Kentuckians for the Commonwealth (KFTC)</b> , Episcopal Diocese Mission House, corner of 4th St. and Martin Luther	Janet Tucker, 389-8575
New meeting schedule TBA soon.	<b>Lexington Living Wage Campaign</b> , Community Action Council, Georgetown St., Lexington.	
1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month, 7:30 pm	<b>Bluegrass Fairness Steering Committee</b> , KCCJ office, 112 N Upper St.	Paul Brown, Chair, heme1588@yahoo.com
4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month,	<b>Central Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty</b> , Central Library, downtown.	Will Warner, 278-9232
1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of the month, 12:00 noon - 1:30 pm	<b>Kentucky Migrant Network</b> , Cooperative Extension Building, 1141 Red Mile Place.	Andrea Tapia, 268-3353

● *Denotes article in this issue containing more information.*



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"Cowardice asks the question: is it safe? Expediency asks the question: is it political? Vanity asks the question: is it popular? But conscience asks the question: is it right? And there comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor political, nor popular—but one must take it simply because it is right." —Martin Luther King, Jr.

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## Bits and Peaces

### CKCPJ shares office space with KCCJ

As you may or may not be aware, CKCPJ now has an office at 112 N. Upper Street (255-6999) in downtown Lexington. We are housed in the same building as the Kentucky Conference for Community and Justice (KCCJ), the Humanitarian, and the summer program of the Northeast Lexington Initiative (NELI).

We are thrilled to be on N. Upper because it is a beautiful building with an illustrious history as Henry Clay's first townhouse and office in Lexington. On the practical level, moreover, now we are able to receive mail in a timely fashion, to have access to copy and fax machines, to have a central location to make phone calls, to have a meeting room, among other amenities previously unavailable. But equally important is that we are next to others doing wonderful work in the community. Indeed, our very presence in the building is partly due KCCJ's latest effort to create a nonprofit center.

In mid-June, KCCJ brought together over 100 people involved in a variety of work to chat about the prospect of developing a large nonprofit center. The Council is very much involved in these preliminary conversations and our new physical location is the first step toward realizing a larger collaborative effort.

We believe the benefits from collaboration are vast and include having access to large numbers of people to let them know about a peace gathering, for instance, and being able to share fundraising information and knowledge. We also recognize that difficulties can develop such as about who can be part of the center, and how to negotiate differences between groups who may reside in the same physical space. In our new location and office space, however, we can simultaneously find our place in this larger effort to build a nonprofit center, as well as meet the growing demands of the Council.

### "Peace Work" poetry and music August 26, FMH

George Ella Lyon, poet, and Roberta Guthrie, cellist, will present "Peace Work," an interactive program of poetry and music about cultivating hearts at peace, on Sunday, August 26, 2007, 4:00 p.m. at the Lexington Friends (Quakers) Meetinghouse, 649 Price Ave. (6th St. off No. Broadway). Donations will benefit the Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice. Call (859) 299-2026 for further information.

The program's title "Peace Work" comes from quilting. It echoes the quilting bee as a community event where women gathered to stitch fragments of their lives together in beautiful patterns. Piece by piece the quilt emerged. The hope is that, through lis-

tening to poetry and music and writing whatever response they call up, participants will experience peaceful hearts. At the closing of the program those who wish will place their peace words on a large poster with a quilt border.

### Healthcare not Warfare focus of DC actions

During the week of September 22-29, antiwar activists from across the U.S. will mass in front of Congress in Washington, DC to demand the complete cut off of war funding. On September 29, there will be a mass march from the Capitol to the White House.

Healthcare, Not Warfare will be at the Encampment all week. People are asked to bring medical bills. Health care workers, nurses, doctors, patients and patient advocates will be holding teach-ins, speakouts, and protests to demand: "Fund Healthcare, Not War!"

Campaign for Healthcare, Not Warfare, c/o TONC, 55 W. 17th St. 5C, New York, NY 10011; 212-633-6646.

"On the environmental side, the polluting properties of coal — starting with mining and lasting long after burning — and the large amounts of energy required to liquefy it mean that liquid coal produces more than twice the global warming emissions as regular gasoline and almost double that of ordinary diesel. As pundits have pointed out, driving a Prius on liquid coal makes it as dirty as a Hummer on regular gasoline."

—from **Scientific American**