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## An Evening with the Mountain Keepers April 9th 6 to 10 pm University of Kentucky Student Center Ballroom

by Anne Mareck  
event organizer

You're invited! ...to *An Evening with the Mountain Keepers*, hosted by the UK Writing Program's Community Engagement Series, and sponsored by many groups and organizations including CKCPJ. Come celebrate the way public writing and grassroots community action work together to ensure a healthy, participatory democracy.

The Evening features poets, speakers, musicians, artists, and journalists who focus on Appalachia's endangered culture and its uneasy relationship with coal as

they share creative approaches to working for environmental justice.

Silas House reads from his new book *Something's Rising: Appalachians Fighting MTR*; Erik Reece reads from *Lost Mountain*; poets George Ella Lyon, Anne Shelby, Judy Sizemore, and Frank X Walker read original poetry; Dave Cooper shares a little *Mountaintop Removal Roadshow*; *Public Outcry!* plays original music; and Larry Gibson—the West Virginian activist featured by CNN, Nightline, and *People Magazine*—shares deeply moving personal narratives about the clash of coal and culture.

The Grand Ballroom will be festooned with a cornucopia of MTR-genre displays—the poignant sculpture *Agony of Gaia* (detail featured below, left); the monumental banner *The True Cost of Coal* from the Beehive collective; unique coal-culture exhibits, quilts, paintings, photographs, artifacts, visuals, music... and refreshments, too!

**The Evening is free and open to the public.** For more details see <http://www.uky.edu/~afma222/MountainKeepers.htm>, e-mail me at [anne.mareck@uky.edu](mailto:anne.mareck@uky.edu), or call me at 859.285.7677. ■



Detail from Jeff Chapman-Crane's sculpture *The Agony of Gaia*, on display for the Evening by special arrangement. Photo by James Archambeault

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# United States National Debt: An Analysis of the Presidents Who Are Responsible for the Borrowing

by Steve McGourty

*McGourty has created a website that contains his numerical analysis of the United States national debt, by President, since 1791. The site includes several charts which are not reproduced here. He last updated it during the election season, October 2008. Here, we excerpt some of his accompanying narration. You can see the graphs and find the full text by going to the site at: <http://www.cedarcomm.com/~stevelm1/usdebt.htm>.*

... [T]he debt has been on a steady incline ever since the Reagan presidency. The fact is that Reagan was able to push his tax cuts through both Houses of Congress, but he never pushed through any reduced spending programs. His weak leadership in this area makes him directly responsible for the unprecedented rise in borrowing during his time in office, an average of 13.8% per year. The increase in total debt during Reagan's two terms was larger than all the debt accumulated by all the presidents before him combined.

**The sad part about [the increase in total debt during Reagan's two terms] is that it was not to educate our children, or to improve our infrastructure, or to help the poor, or even to finance a war.** Reagan's enormous increase in the national debt was not to pay for any noble cause at all; his primary unapologetic goal was to pad the pockets of the rich.

**Interestingly, since Johnson, every Democrat has increased revenue more than spending. However in the opposite case, under all five Republican Presidents, since Nixon, government revenue has decreased and spending has increased.** This is positive, unambiguous proof that

cutting taxes does not increase revenue. Yet Republicans are still trying to sell that old canard.

The contrast between Clinton's tax policies and the second Bush's are dramatically evident from this data. By setting up taxes to help the middle class and small business Clinton stimulated economy so much that we saw the largest increase in government revenue in history.

Every time we have seen massive tax cuts there was a bubble in the economy followed by a recession. Tax increases on the wealthy have caused a slow steady growth in the economy.

President Jimmy Carter ... put the power of government behind reducing our dependence on foreign oil. **He also made the brave decision to ask citizens to actually change the way they live and conserve. History has proven his choices were the right ones and his methods worked, but he was very unpopular for making us face the truth.** Our future leaders will need to find his courage to ask for unpopular sacrifices of all Americans to bring the nation's economy back to a sustainable model.

# Lexington: On the Street

by Billie Mallory

On one of the coldest days in late January, amid the snow and ice, the annual homeless count was conducted in Lexington and across many cities of America. This count included those staying in emergency shelters, transitional and supportive housing (i.e. special populations such as those with substance abuse, the mentally ill, veterans, victims of domestic violence, those with HIV/AIDS, single mothers, youth and children) totaling over 1700 individuals in Lexington alone.

Housing needs surveys were also conducted to gather further information regarding demographics, living arrangements, and other per-

inent factors that impact those that are homeless, those that have been impacted by the financial crisis, and those who are precariously housed.

While definitions of "precarious housing" can differ, this group includes both people repeatedly threatened with eviction and those who depend on friends and family to put them up short-term because they have no place of their own to live or their current housing situation is tenuous. This group is especially important to learn more about because most of those whom census data track as permanently homeless were first precariously housed.

The statistics and additional information gathered in January in Lexington will be used in program

planning, grant applications, and coordinating efforts to meet the many needs of the homeless and those who are at risk of losing their housing.

**NOTE:** The Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice is forming a new committee to address the needs of those most vulnerable among us. This committee will address issues of homelessness, affordable housing (see note on BUILD's 2009 focus, below), and other associated concerns.

We welcome all those who are interested: please contact me, by phone at 859.285.5211, or by e-mail at [mallorybillie@yahoo.com](mailto:mallorybillie@yahoo.com).

*Billie Mallory is a Lexington activist and a CKCPJ board member*



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## BUILD Action Monday March 23<sup>rd</sup> Immanuel Baptist Church, Tates Creek Rd.

On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, organizers expect almost 1,400 members of BUILD (Building United Interfaith Lexington through Direct action) at a face-to-face meeting with decision-makers and public officials to address the most urgent needs of our community.

**You are invited to join this gathering, too. Registration at Immanuel Baptist is at 6:15 pm; the assembly begins at 7:00 pm.**

Last April, over 1000 members of BUILD gathered to hold public leaders accountable in specific areas of policy addressing two identified community problems.

At that time, BUILD got a number of hospitals, nonprofit clinics, and the Fayette County Health Department to agree to create a plan that would meet the primary

care needs of an additional 6000 uninsured adults over 3 years.

As well, BUILD secured a commitment from Mayor Jim Newberry to support the creation of an Affordable Housing Trust Fund which would make millions of dollars available for affordable housing projects available for the most vulnerable in our community.

On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, which will be BUILD's 5<sup>th</sup> annual spring action assembly, members will meet with public officials to hear how these previous year's commitments have been met, to present them with reasonable, well-researched proposals for the future, and to hear their specific commitments for action over the next year and beyond.

Of particular concern this year is the need for a dedicated funding

source to ensure that the Affordable Housing Trust Fund is adequately supported through these difficult times.

There are currently 21 member congregations in BUILD, although you do not need to belong to one of those congregations to attend the Action Assembly on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Current co-chairs are Rev. Richard Gaines (Consolidated Baptist Church) and Rev. Ronald Luckey (Faith Lutheran Church).

The purpose of BUILD is to have a self-sustaining, interracial, pro-active organization, rooted in religious congregations and capable of powerfully addressing community issues in the greater Lexington area.

BUILD is an affiliate of the Direct Action and Research Training (DART) Center, which has been committed to building powerful, diverse, congregation-based, and democratically run organizations capable of winning justice on issues facing the community since 1982. ■



# Different Cultures, One Community

## *Annual Peace Fair and Supper*

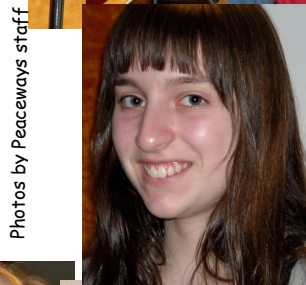
Over the span of the Council's 25 years, we have seen more and more diversity in Central Kentucky. At the Council's Annual Peace Fair and Supper held March 7<sup>th</sup>, we wanted to highlight that reality and have discussions with two groups of Central Kentuckians who have relatively new roots in the area.

Board co-chair Nabeel Jawahir, whose family came from Sri Lanka, organized and moderated the panels. From left to right,

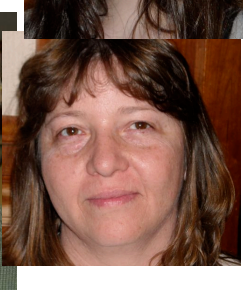
Andreas Cruz (Costa Rica), Leonard Xu (China), and Mutapha Jammeh (Gambia) answered questions and offered their insights as immigrants to the US.

Dodiet Sutardjo (Indonesia), Zahra Mansoor (Pakistan), Nadia Rasheed (Iraq), and Fatimah Shalash (Palestine) reflected on their experiences as first generation children whose parents came to this

country from elsewhere. Both panels took questions from the floor and received rousing applause from an appreciative audience as they described difficulties and richness provided by the opportunities of lives rooted in two cultures.



Photos by Peaceways staff



## April 17<sup>th</sup> is the 2009 Day of Silence: drawing attention to the silencing of others

Founded in 1996, the Day of Silence has become the largest single student-led action towards creating safer schools for all, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

**Purpose:** to bring attention to anti-LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bi and Transgender) name-calling, bullying and harassment and to focus on effective responses; to make schools safer for all students, regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity or expression.

In a Harris Interactive study on bullying, students said 2 of the top 3 reasons for harassment in school are actual or perceived sexual orientation and gender expression. Addi-

tionally, 4 out of 5 LGBT students experience harassment at school.

**Who participates in the Day of Silence?** Hundreds of thousands of students of all beliefs, backgrounds and sexual orientations participate in the Day of Silence because anti-LGBT bullying and harassment affects all students where slurs such as “faggot” and “dyke” are commonplace.

During the Day of Silence, students—from middle school to college—work together proactively to bring attention to the anti-LGBT name-calling, bullying and harassment experienced by LGBT and straight students alike.

The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN), the

Day of Silence’s organizational sponsor, encourages participants to be register at [www.dayofsilence.org](http://www.dayofsilence.org).

**The day is a positive educational experience:** The day is most successful when schools and students work together to show their commitment to ensuring safe schools for all students.


Many schools allow students’ participation throughout the day. Some schools ask students to speak as they normally would during class and remain silent during breaks and at lunch.

There is no single way to participate. Students are encouraged to take part in the way that is the most positive and uplifting for their school.

For the latest GLSEN findings about anti-LGBT bullying and harassment and the school experience, go to: [www.glsen.org/research](http://www.glsen.org/research).

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## Save the Date! 2009 Peace Fair Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>



4<sup>th</sup> Annual Peace and Global Citizenship Fair

May 16, 2009  
noon to 8 pm  
Bluegrass Community & Technical College (near Commonwealth Stadium)

- \*\* Live music
- \*\* Local food
- \*\* Art
- \*\* Activities:  
self-reliance, sustainability, social justice, peace, children

**FREE ADMISSION!**  
Everyone is welcome  
[www.peace2day.org](http://www.peace2day.org)

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Peace and Global Citizenship Fair provides opportunities for young and old alike to learn about living in an ecologically and socially sustainable manner, and increases our understanding of cultures from around the world. This year’s theme is Individual and Community Self-Reliance.

Each year, a growing number of local musicians, exhibitors, vendors, storytellers, dancers, and engaged citizens dedicated to peace gather for this celebration. For more information or to reserve space, contact Rebecca Glasscock at [rebecca.glasscock@kcts.edu](mailto:rebecca.glasscock@kcts.edu) or 859.246.6319.



## Father Roy Bourgeois to speak in Lexington March 20<sup>th</sup> on SOA

Father Roy Bourgeois, founder of SOA Watch, will be coming to Lexington on **March 20<sup>th</sup> at the offices of KCIRR (Kentucky Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights) at 560 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Lexington at 7:00 p.m.** CKCPJ is co-sponsoring the event along with other area groups.

The US Army School of Americas (SOA), based in Fort Benning, Georgia, trains Latin American security personnel in combat, counter-insurgency, and counter-narcotics. SOA graduates are responsible for some of the worst human rights abuses in Latin America. In 1996 the Pentagon was forced to release training manuals used at the school that advocated torture, extortion and execution.

Founded in 1990, SOA Watch quickly grew, drawing upon the

knowledge and experience of many in the U.S. who had worked with the people of Latin America in the 1970's and 80's.

Today, the SOA Watch movement is a large, diverse, grassroots movement rooted in solidarity with the people of Latin America. The goal of SOA Watch is to close the



photo from SOA Watch

Father Roy Bourgeois

SOA and to change U.S. foreign policy in Latin America by educating the public, lobbying Congress and participating in creative, nonviolent resistance.

As public resistance to the SOA and its practices has grown, the Pentagon has responded with a PR campaign to give the SOA a new image. In an attempt to disassociate the school with its horrific past, the SOA was renamed the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation in January of 2001.

Find out more about SOA and the Watch at <http://www.soaw.org>.

Father Bourgeois has been in the Lexington news after participating in the recent ordination of former SOA Watch Prisoner of Conscience Janice Sevre-Duszynska. He then received a letter from the Vatican stating that he had 30 days to recant his belief and public statements in support of the ordination of women or be excommunicated. He refused, and has been excommunicated.

## MacArthur Genius Will Allen in Lexington April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>

**Will Allen will be in Lexington April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> as part of UK Gaines Center lecture series.** Allen is an urban farmer who is transforming the cultivation, production, and delivery of healthy foods to underserved, urban populations through the non-profit organization, Growing Power, which he directs and co-founded.

Guiding all of his efforts is the recognition that the unhealthy diets of low-income, urban populations—characterized by limited access to safe and affordable fresh fruits and vegetables—play a significant role in such related health problems as obesity and diabetes.

Allen's holistic farming model incorporates both cultivating food-

stuffs and designing food distribution networks in an urban setting. Through a novel synthesis of a variety of low-cost farming technologies, Growing Power produces vast amounts of food year-round. Recently, cultivation of produce and livestock has begun at urban and rural sites in and around Milwaukee and Chicago.

Through these and other programs still in development, Allen is experimenting with new and creative ways to improve the diet and health of the urban poor. Find his website at: [www.growingpower.org](http://www.growingpower.org).

The Spring 2009 issue of YES! magazine features MacArthur genius Will Allen and daughter Erika, photographed in January in the aqu-



aponic greenhouse of the Milwaukee Growing Power facility. Copies are available at the Good Foods Market and Cafe on Southland Drive in Lexington. Or you can go to the magazine's website for more information: <http://www.yesmagazine.org>.

# Events at a Glance

<i><b>Date/Time</b></i>	<i><b>Event Description</b></i>	<i><b>Contact</b></i>
Wednesday meetings: April the 15 <sup>th</sup> May the 13 <sup>th</sup> June the 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Edible Garden Series</b> meets at the Dorothea Smith Oatts Visitor Center at the Arboretum, 500 Alumni Drive, Lexington. They meet on three Wednesdays in the upcoming months, from 6:30 — 8 pm.	For more information: Roberta Burnes <a href="mailto:rburnes@email.uky.edu">rburnes@email.uky.edu</a> 859.257.9339
<b>Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup></b> <b>8:00 pm</b> Al's Bar, 6 <sup>th</sup> & Limestone, Lexington	<b>Holler Poets Series #11</b> presents poets for peace in the mountains, a writer's perspective on mountaintop removal, featuring Erik Reece, Jason Howard, Jane Gentry Vance, Jude McPherson, Silas House, and George Ella Lyon—hosted by Eric Sutherland. The event is FREE.	For more information: <a href="http://www.myspace.com/hollerpoets">www.myspace.com/hollerpoets</a> .
<b>March 30<sup>th</sup>-April 3<sup>rd</sup></b> Transylvania University, Lexington	<b>Fair Trade Week at Transylvania University</b> Monday, March 30 <sup>th</sup> —Information Booths around campus Tuesday, March 31 <sup>st</sup> —Panel discussions with local vendors, activists and professors Wednesday, April 1 <sup>st</sup> —Community Art Project in Gratz Park Thursday, April 2 <sup>nd</sup> —Movie Night, held in Cowgill Building Friday, April 3 <sup>rd</sup> —Fair Trade Fashion Show	For more information: Sara Marie Thompson at <a href="mailto:smthompson09@transy.edu">smthompson09@transy.edu</a>
1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday 7:00 pm	<b>CKCPJ Board Meeting</b> , in our offices at 112 N. Upper St. All are welcome.	Nabeel Jawahir, Co-chair 859.619.3369
Every Thursday 5:30 - 6:00 pm	<b>Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Peace</b> , Triangle Park in downtown Lexington.	
1 <sup>st</sup> Monday 12:00 noon - 1:30 pm	<b>Kentucky Migrant Network</b> , Cardinal Valley Center 1306 Versailles Road	Jennifer Hubbard-Sánchez <a href="mailto:jsanchez@lfucg.com">jsanchez@lfucg.com</a>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 7:30 pm	<b>Bluegrass Fairness of Central Kentucky</b> , KCCJ office, 112 N Upper St.	Paul Brown, Chair, <a href="mailto:heme1588@yahoo.com">heme1588@yahoo.com</a>
4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 5:30 pm	<b>Lexington Living Wage Campaign Meeting</b> Community Action Council, 710 W. High Street	Richard Mitchell 859.327.6277
1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday 4:00-6:30	<b>Franciscan Peace Center</b> , 3389 Squire Oak. <a href="http://FranciscanVision.org">FranciscanVision.org</a>	Pat Griffin 859.230.1986
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 7:00 - 8:30 pm	<b>Humanist Forum of Central Kentucky (AHA)</b> , Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd.	Dick Renfro 859.255.7029
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 7:00 pm	<b>Kentuckians for the Commonwealth (KFTC)</b> , Episcopal Diocese Mission House, 4th St. and Martin Luther King	Ondine Quinn 859.276.0563
Every Sunday 2:30-4:00pm	<b>NAMI Lexington</b> Support Groups -- Faye Morton Center, Eastern State Hospital, Lexington, Wendall Building basement	call 859.272.7891 or go to <a href="http://lexington.nami.org">lexington.nami.org</a> for



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We have always known that heedless  
self-interest was bad morals; we know  
now that it is bad economics.

— Franklin D. Roosevelt

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## Bits and Peaces

### Confront, Challenge, Connect, Change: Lauren K. Weinberg Humanitarian Award Dinner Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

On April 7<sup>th</sup>, the Kentucky  
Conference for Community and  
Justice (KCCJ) will honor:

**Anthony Beatty, Sr.**—Former  
Chief of Police for the city of Lex-  
ington, Beatty (currently Vice  
President of Campus Services at  
UK) has served the community  
both officially and through the  
active support of countless com-  
munity organizations, including  
the Anthany and Eunice Beatty  
Family Foundation which helps  
young people overcome obstacles  
and be successful in life;

**Eunice Beatty**—distinguished  
university professor and adminis-  
trator who has played a significant  
role in improving the lives and  
educational opportunities of the  
children of this community;

**Lexmark International, Inc.**—  
in recognition of its mission to  
respect the diversity of its em-  
ployees, customers, and business  
partners. Lexmark is a leader in  
domestic partner benefits, and  
promotes volunteerism that fo-  
cuses especially on mentoring

children from underserved popula-  
tions.

Joel Pett, editorial cartoonist for  
the Lexington *Herald-Leader*, will be  
the the Honorary Dinner Chair and  
Host for the event.

KCCJ's Humanitarian Awards are  
given to individuals or organization  
whose life or work affirms the mis-  
sion of KCCJ—to raise awareness  
and speak out for the just, fair and  
equal treatment of all people by  
promoting respect, understanding  
and acceptance through advocacy,  
education and empowerment.

Dinner and reception will be at  
the Radisson Plaza Hotel at 5:30,  
and tickets are available at  
[www.kccj.org](http://www.kccj.org), or by calling  
859.255.6999. ■

### Peacemaking Bishop to Speak at UK Newman Center April 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:30 pm

In the second of the Newman  
Foundation's Distinguished Speaker  
series this year, Bishop Thomas  
Gumbleton will share observations  
and insights from his fact-finding  
visits and as ambassador of peace to  
Iraq.

Bishop Gumbleton was founding  
president of Pax Christi, USA, a  
national Catholic peace movement,  
and affiliate of Pax Christi Interna-  
tional. The latter was formed after  
WWII and is devoted to prevent-  
ing war. He has received numerous  
awards and recognitions from both  
religious and civic organizations for  
his efforts for peace and justice.  
His Sunday homilies appear as the  
column, The Peace Pulpit, on *The-  
National Catholic Reporter* website:  
[www.NCRonline.org](http://www.NCRonline.org).

Throughout a lifetime of peace-  
making, he has visited numerous  
countries including: Syria, Jordan,  
El Salvador, Nicaragua, Palestine  
and Iraq. He served on a "Witness  
for Peace" delegation to Cuba in  
2005, and has participated in sev-  
eral actions of civil disobedience  
and in fasts and vigils for peace.

Bishop Thomas Gumbleton re-  
cently retired as Auxiliary Bishop  
of Detroit and as pastor of St. Leo  
Parish, Detroit, Michigan. Now, he  
continues active ministry through  
international visits on behalf of  
peace and by sharing his experi-  
ences through speaking engage-  
ments.

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