



NEWSLETTER

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October 15 - 18, Salina



The Heartland Speaks: A Peace Coalition Action Glimpsing the Beloved Community

This October 15-18, Salina, Kansas is hosting the biennial Air Force bombing and strafing competition known as "Hawgsmove." The November 30 headlines of the Salina Journal boasted that the A-10 warthogs coming to compete in Salina, when used in wartime, shoot 65, 30mm depleted uranium bullets per second, and that Salina is giving them a "top-notch welcome."

Salina People for Peace (SPFP) and other groups around the area and nation, including MAPJ, wish to promote a different vision. To this end, we will begin with all-day nonviolence training and educational workshops on Monday, Oct. 13 and Tuesday, Oct. 14. Monday night, Patt Murphy of the American Indian Art Center in Abilene will give the welcome address on the teachings of the Peace Chiefs. Members of the public who are not participating in the conference are welcome to attend the address by Patt Murphy at no charge.

Tuesday night, the National Campaign for Nonviolent Resistance will host a Meet and

Greet Peace Summit. Later Joe Jencks and Helena Nash will entertain and inspire us with their music; conference attendees will have free admission. The public is also invited to this event for an entry fee of \$7.

Wednesday morning activities will begin at 7:15 a.m. with a peace walk from the conference location (Quality Inn and Suites, 2110 W. Crawford St., Salina), led by Buddhist monks and Vets for Peace. Anyone is welcome to join them on the three-mile walk to the airport. When they arrive at Salina Regional Airport, a multi-faith prayer service will be held for all who wish to participate.

The rally will begin at the airport at 9:30 a.m., for those who wish to join us at that time. Speakers and music, and an address by an Iraq Veteran against the War (IVAW) will be part of the morning's activities, followed by an opportunity to participate in a nonviolent civil disobedience line-crossing witness as the A-10's fly in.

We ask that anyone considering this civil disobedience direct action please plan to

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attend both the Monday and Tuesday sessions of nonviolence training, if possible. The Monday morning training will be a in-depth history, philosophy and tradition of nonviolence, while the Tuesday afternoon

training will have specific scenario and legal information



Helena Nash and Joe Jencks will provide entertainment Tuesday evening.

pertinent to the Wednesday action at the airport, for all attendees.

A block of rooms has been reserved for our conference at a discounted rate of around \$65, with up to four adults able to share the rooms, making it more affordable. Please use these rooms if possible, as this will help keep conference costs down. If you prefer hospitality with Salina residents, please let us know and we will help arrange this.

Registration forms, other information and updates are available at www.salinapeace.org and you may call Martin Bates at (785)643-5334 or martinbikes@cox.net; or Janie Stein (785)643-5332 or hopenow1@cox.net for more information or to register for the event. MAPJ will help members with the \$30.00 registration fee. Contact MAPJ at mapj@mapj.org. **MAKE reservations now.**

Ray McGovern Opens Peace and Justice Lecture Series

Ray McGovern will speak in Forum Hall, Tuesday, 7 pm, October 7. This will be the first peace and justice lecture of the 2008-9 year. The second will be in spring '09. We are hoping to raise the necessary funds to have Patricia Williams. She is a law professor at Columbia University, a regular columnist for the Nation, and a winner of a McArthur "genius award" fellowship. We hope to have her speak shortly after the January inauguration.

McGovern will be here for several days and we plan to arrange speaking events in K-State classes and with local church groups. He is a retired CIA officer, serving as an U.S. army intelligence officer in the 1960s and in the federal intelligence service under seven U.S. presidents over 27 years.

McGovern gained prominence for his outspoken opposition to the Iraq War. In a question and answer session after a 2006 Rumsfeld speech, he challenged Rumsfeld's pre-war falsehoods with the question, "Was that a lie or were you misled?"

Dorothy L. Thompson Civil Rights Lecture Series –

Wednesday, September 3, 2008: K-State Student Union Forum Hall

6:30 pm; moderated discussion to follow.

CRASH, a film examining the complexity of racial intolerance in contemporary America.

See <http://www.crashfilm.com> Click on: Experience the Film.

*Application moves ahead at FCC***Flint Hills Community Radio Update**

For the past year a very dedicated team of volunteers headed up by Dave MacFarland and Christopher Renner, have been working to secure a license to build Manhattan's first full-power community radio station that will be part of UFM Community Learning Center. That project moved a step closer to becoming a reality last month when the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) dismissed a competing application for the same frequency (90.9FM) that had been submitted by a non-local organization, the Catholic Hour, which has offices in Johnson County. The Catholic Hour's application had several technical flaws, including that their 60-dBu band did not cover their city of license – Manhattan.

Following the dismissal of the Catholic Hour's application, the FCC published notice on 28 July that the application submitted last October for Flint Hills Community Radio had been accepted for filing. With the official publication, existing radio stations have 30 days to file a "petition to deny," if the new frequency will interfere with existing services. Since the closest stations using the 90.9 frequency are in Great Bend and Kansas City, well outside the proposed service area, the steering committee is hopeful that Flint Hills Community Radio will have their license by the end of August.

"Now begins the hard part—raising \$400,000 to build the station and pay our first year's expenses," said Christopher Renner. "We will begin a capital campaign this fall in a moment when the Manhattan community has seen an economic downturn and several other local service agencies have had to build new facilities because of need or the downtown redevelopment project."

Flint Hills Community Radio will serve nearly 98,000 people (2000 census data) in Geary, Riley, Pottawatomie, Wabaunsee and Marshall Counties. Building the infrastructure – studio, transmitter and antenna – will cost approximately \$200,000

although the Steering Committee has had two mixing boards donated and has a lead on a used transmitter, which will save several tens of thousands of dollars.

The FCC requires that new stations have the financial wear-with-all to survive their first year, so in addition to the capital campaign, the Committee will also need to raise their first year's budget before they go on the air.

"What we need are several major donors to come forward and make pledges of \$10,000 or \$5,000 so that when we approach grant agencies we can demonstrate we have the community commitment to complete this project," said Renner. All donations to the station are tax-deductible and are made to "UFM Community Learning Center – Radio Project."

Programming on the proposed radio station will "provide a channel for individuals and groups, issues and music that have been overlooked, suppressed or under-represented by other area media." The station will provide a mix of locally produced news, public service programming, music and educational programming.

"We are working to build a corps of citizen journalists through classes at UFM," said Renner. This fall's schedule offers courses for both adults and youth. The offered courses include "Introduction to Citizen Journalism" that focuses on writing and content development and "Sound, Recording and Production" that focuses on the technical side of radio production. For a complete listing, visit the UFM website: <https://ufmprograms.org/ShowSchedule.awp?--GROUP=PI-Personal+Interest>

For more information about the radio station project, contact either Linda Teener at UFM, 539-8763 or Christopher Renner at 341-9459.



Movies on the Grass, 2008

by Jon Tveite

Movies on the Grass, the popular film series, returns this fall for an exciting fourth year. MAPJ is working with a number of other groups and K-State Libraries to show four progressive films outdoors on campus in Coffman Commons, the grassy area south of Hale Library. The series begins Sunday, August 24, skips Labor Day weekend, and then continues for the first three Sundays in September. MAPJ will be the primary sponsor for the final Sunday, September 21.

All screenings are free and open to the public. Festivities begin at 7:00 pm, with the films showing as soon as it's dark enough to see the film projected onto the giant inflatable screen – usually a little after 8:00 pm. Plan to arrive closer to 7, to stake out a good seat and visit the informational tables of the sponsoring groups. Popcorn and soda will be available at no charge. Many people also bring their own snacks. In the event of rain, movie showings will be moved indoors to Foerster Auditorium (63 Seaton Hall). After each film, groups will meet to discuss the issues raised, with professional facilitators from the Institute for Civic Discourse and Democracy.

With so many good progressive documentaries being made, the committee's greatest challenge was being limited to four. The first showing, on **Sunday, August 24**, will be *Hacking Democracy*, about the serious problems with electronic voting machines as they are currently being used – without a paper back up. On **Sunday, September 7**, we'll see *I Know I'm Not Alone*, which follows musician Michael Franti on his journey to build bridges through song between people on all sides of the conflicts in Iraq and Israel/Palestine. On **Sunday, September 14**, the feature is *King Corn*, which looks at the environmental, economic, and public health effects of the mass production and consumption of corn and high-fructose corn syrup in the United States.

Finally, on **Sunday, September 21**, MAPJ will sponsor a showing of *Darwin's Nightmare*, which examines the effects of globalization on a region in the heart of Africa. In the late 1960's, a non-indigenous species of fish, the Nile Perch, was introduced into Lake Victoria for the benefit of European markets. Since that time, the Perch has destroyed the lake's ecosystem – and the means of support for many thousands of area residents. Meanwhile, the fish trade has caused tremendous inequality in the local economy and spawned a dangerous underworld of inter-tribal warfare, illegal weapons dealing and prostitution.

As primary sponsor for the showing, **MAPJ needs volunteers to arrive at 6:00 pm** to help put up and take down the screen, and distribute information to the audience. Volunteers are vital to making the event work as planned. If you are able to help MAPJ fulfill its sponsorship obligations on September 21, please contact me, Jon Tveite, by phone (313-0345) or e-mail (vice-chair@mapj.org).

MAPJ members have always been tremendously supportive of this fine series. I look forward to seeing many familiar faces in the audience again this year!

Roy Bourgeois speaks in Salina

Roy Bourgeois, founder of School of the Americas Watch will be speaking in Salina, Kansas:

When: 7:00 pm, Wednesday, October 8

Where: St Elizabeth Ann Seaton Catholic Church, 1000 Burr Oak Lane, just off S. Ohio Street

Who: Sponsored by Pax Christi – Salina

Annual Fund Drive Begins!

This is the start of the 2008 fundraising for the Manhattan Alliance for Peace and Justice—note that this is now a fall campaign.

A lot has been happening in MAPJ this past year but we need to do more. Setting priorities for activities remains a challenge with so many issues in the peace and justice world.

A big project this year has been and continues to be the GI Rights Hotline. MAPJ conducted a workshop in February 2008 and began working towards creating a GI Rights Hotline. We have brought together a coalition of churches to work with MAPJ. As a result, seven lay counselors are educating themselves in the area of military law to assist GIs in areas of discharge status, harassment, CO status, AWOL, sexual orientation and more. We are about to launch the local GI Rights website and an 800 phone number for the project. Please note that we are looking for volunteers to support this project.

Immediate MAPJ include hiring a new staff person as our coordinator and our campus organizer have moved on. We appreciate all the work done by Evan and Alissa.

We are reorganizing a bit and will be hiring one person to handle both the work on and off campus.

This fall we will be bringing in Ray McGovern, retired CIA officer and outspoken critic on the Iraq War, to speak and meet with

various organizations and media. MAPJ is working on obtaining funding to have Patricia Williams as a speaker in early 2009.

We continue with our newsletter, weekly anti-war protests, support for students from our El Salvador sister city and monthly gatherings to view films. Our successful annual meeting for 2008 featured Kathy Kelly from Voices for Creative Nonviolence, speaking on the Middle East. We have met with Rep. Nancy Boyda, distributed budget priority information on tax day, sponsored a film as part of Movies on the Grass. In November 2007, we organized a major protest when General Robert Gates spoke at K-state. Our new website is looking good (mapj.org). This summer we hosted a delegation from Pastors for Peace and heard an update on Cuba and in August co-sponsored a forum on Kansas Energy Policy.

Support from the MAPJ membership—both in the form of volunteering and funding—allow us to accomplish what we do. To do more, we need more volunteers and activists and of course, we need continued financial support. The big budget items for the upcoming year are the start up costs of the GI Rights Hotline and our new speaker series, which will bring in two major speakers this year and three next year

Please use the form below and send your contributions in the enclosed envelope.

JOIN MAPJ!



To become a MAPJ member, send us a donation or volunteer some time for a MAPJ project.

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Revolution March and Rally in the Nation's Capital

by Stanley Hineline

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Wow, what a trip! I began living a true activist's dream on Friday, July 11 the moment I departed Manhattan on my way to K.C. to catch a flight to D.C.!

My penchant for activism was inspired when I began researching politics early in 2007, and the seeds for my journey to our nation's capital were sown when I learned a few "Constitution 101" lessons from Congressman Dr. Ron Paul of Surfside, Texas. He weighs each issue against how it relates to the supreme law of the land, The Constitution. What a concept!

That intrigued me, so I obsessed about becoming better informed about vital issues. As I participated in blogs and researched independent news sources on the internet, it became increasingly evident that local and national media avoid important stories and critical aspects. So, I signed petitions, set up my own web page, engaged friends and co-workers in political conversations, and became energized to do more. My newfound commitment to activism had me feeling more like a true patriot.

In 2008, I campaigned for Ron Paul and spoke on his behalf at the Riley Country Caucus. I participated in the Straw Polls and the delegate process for the Kansas Republican Party, meeting many great people. Never involved with issues beyond the local level before, this time I was compelled to expand my boundaries...so I resolved to attend The Revolution March in D.C.!

At least 24 Kansans traveled to DC on July 11, along with thousands from all over the country. Advocates approached representatives and senators with opinions and presented petitions for redress of grievances. Committed to restoring the Constitution as the law of the land, the rally staged a protest in front of the Federal Reserve Building, calling for its abolishment. Collectively, we expressed our

lack of belief in and support of the Iraq War, the Patriot Act, NAFTA, CAFTA, the NAU (North American Union), the IRS, many bills and executive orders and most of what Congress does!

I enjoyed D.C. sites during the day, then joined activists and freedom-loving people from all over the United States Friday night. Meeting some of The Revolution March staff, I actually spoke with Rep. Paul at Mr. Smith's in Georgetown and managed to get a Culpepper Minute Man flag signed by all in attendance, including Rep. Paul! I also won an auctioned Constitution, autographed by Ron Paul.

Then, The Revolution March—10,000 people marched from the Washington Monument to the U.S. Capitol! Wichitan Susan Wolfe sang the national anthem. Speakers included Ron Paul, Chuck Baldwin – Constitution Party Presidential candidate, Naomi Wolf – progressive advocate, Charles Goyette – radio talk show host, G. Edward Griffin – "The Creature from Jekyll Island" author, Thomas E Woods Jr. – "Who Killed the Constitution" author, Adam Kokesh – member of Veterans For Peace and Iraq Veterans Against the War, and many more. (For a complete list, see: www.revolutionmarch.com/rallydetails.aspx.)

We learned about 43 candidates (democrats and republicans) running for office that have a Constitutional platform...that are leading! We may not agree on everything, but we can agree on 80 percent and deliberate on the rest. I will always consider those who share my compassion for humanity and the Constitution as compatriots. Many I met became my new family, the family of the True Conservatives for the United States of America. Yes, one person can make a difference, no matter what your cause. One person may have one vote ... but an activist can vote and influence a multitude of others, and thus make a world of difference.

Twenty Years of Working for a more Inclusive Manhattan *Community Cultural Harmony Week Turns 20.*

Community Cultural Harmony Week (CCHW) will celebrate the 20th Anniversary of its founding by Barbara Baker, former MAPJ Board member, this year.

Originally founded in 1988 as Racial Ethnic Harmony Week with the support of Student Governing Association president Laurian Cuffy and his cabinet, CCHW was begun to develop a welcome presence for the leadership of people of color in campus and community life. Though the work of Ms. Baker targeted general problems and concerns of both United States and international citizens, the Week was the direct result of an unfortunate incident that occurred in what was then Bushwacker's Club in Aggieville in June 1998. Puerto Rican students had rented the club to celebrate the day of San Juan (St. John the Baptist), the patron saint of the island and of its capital city. Bushwacker's employees hung signs that referred to San Juan, using obscene language, and the case was finally taken to the state attorney general's office, with the decision against the club for its actions.

For the past twenty years, CCHW has strove to increase the awareness of diversity on the K-State Campus and the broad community of Manhattan though it's annual feat of lectures, workshops and films.

This year's CCHW begins on the International Day of Peace, September 21, a United Nations event designed to engage people around the globe in a discussion of the meaning of peace and discuss how to make it a reality. CCHW events will begin with a drumming program by Roots of Rhythm and short presentations by representatives from the City of Manhattan, USD 383 and K-State at 2:00 pm at Triangle Park in Aggieville.

On Monday, September 22 at 7:30 pm in K-state Union Forum Hall Dennis Low-Weso, Ph D, Kansas Poet Laureate 2007 - 2009, will hold a poetry reading and commentary on

diversity in Kansas. At 9:30, following her presentation, CCHW with the Union Programming Council will show "Children of the Camps" and "Anyone and Everyone." The former looks at the children who survived the Japanese internment camps during WWII while the latter was produced by Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays and looks at how coming out is seen by families from different cultural backgrounds. The films will be also shown Wednesday evening at 9:00 pm.

On Tuesday, CCHW has partnered with several other campus organizations to look at perceptions around American's Muslim community. The A. Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications will host a Media Professionals Day entitled: "Muslims and the Media" from 1:30 - 3:30 pm in room 212 of the K-State Student Union. Then, at 7:30 pm in Forum Hall, John Esposito, PhD, from Georgetown University will discuss his new book: Islam: The Straight Path as well as other books he has written on Islam and democracy.

Wednesday, 24 September, will include a student panel on diversity at noon in the K-State Student Union Courtyard (ground floor). Wednesday evening's keynote speak is yet to be confirmed.

On Thursday in the Union Ballroom will be the annual CCHW banquet and will feature Barbara J. Love, professor of Social Justice Education, University of Massachusetts-Amherst. The evening's events begin at 7:00 pm with the recognition of student scholarship recipients. Dinner will be served at 7:30 pm, in order to accommodate those members of our community who will be observing Ramadan. For reservations, please call: 532-5546.

For a complete listing the the week's activities, visit: www.k-state.edu/cchw

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MAPJ is developing a stronger committee system. If you are interested in becoming more involved, consider joining one of the following committees: El Salvador Sister City; Programming; Action on Iran; Rallies and Protests; Legislative Action; Monthly Potlucks; Newsletter; Nominating; Website.

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MAPJ Calendar

August

24 – Movies on the Grass – See newsletter listing
27 – Anti-war Protest – Triangle Park in Aggieville, 4:30-5:30 pm every Wednesday

September

3 – Dorothy Thompson Civil Rights Series: Film, CRASH – K-State Student Union Forum Hall, 6:30 pm with discussion to follow. See announcement.
4 - Community Bridge Radio show - 5:00pm KSDB 91.9 FM: Richard McVey musician
7 – Movies on the Grass – See newsletter listing
11 - Community Bridge Radio show - 5:00pm KSDB 91.9 FM: Civil Rights in the Post 9-11 Era
16 – Dorothy Thompson Civil Rights Series: Panel Discussion on Racial Profiling – K-State Student Union Forum Hall, 6:30 pm.
18 – Community Bridge Radio show - 5:00pm KSDB 91.9 FM: CCHW's 20th Anniversary
MAPJ Monthly Board Meeting – Mennonite Church, 7 pm. All MAPJ members welcome.
21 – Movies on the Grass – see newsletter listing

21 – 26 – Community Cultural Harmony Week – see newsletter article
25 - Community Bridge Radio show - 5:00pm KSDB 91.9 FM: Topic TBA
26-27 – Prairie Festival at the Land Institute in Salina. Restoration & Conservation Music, speakers, food and fresh air. See www.landinstitute.org

October

2 - Community Bridge Radio show - 5:00pm KSDB 91.9 FM: local candidates
7 – Ray McGovern, MAPJ program – See newsletter article
8 – Fr. Roy Bourgeois, SOAW, speaking in Salina. See announcement
9 - Community Bridge Radio show - 5:00pm KSDB 91.9 FM: Jim Slattery
13-15 – Heartland Speaks: A Response to the Paradigm of Violence – Salina
See newsletter article
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