

IDAHO PEACE COALITION NEWS

September 2003

Mid-East Expert Returns to Boise

Peacemaker Scott Kennedy returns to Boise this October for a series of presentations and work-shops listed below. Hundreds attended his transformative workshops and informative presentations in Boise last year.



Scott is a staff member and co-founder of the Resource Center for Nonviolence in Santa Cruz, California and long-time board member of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. Scott has studied and practiced nonviolence for over 25 years and teaches workshops on nonviolence as a force for social change and personal transformation. He has more than 40 times visited the Middle East, where he works closely with local peace groups on both sides of the conflict. Scott leads Fellowship of Reconciliation Peace Builders delegations to the region twice a year.

Celebrate Nonviolence! Celebrate Gandhi!

The Idaho Peace Coalition's 3rd Annual Celebration of MK Gandhi's Birthday with Special Guest Scott Kennedy
Thursday, Oct. 2, 2003, 6 p.m.–8 p.m.
First Congregational United Church of Christ
23rd and Woodlawn, Boise

The program will include Indian food and entertainment as well as a presentation by Scott. This program is open to the public. Donations will be requested. Childcare will be available.

Exploring and Practicing Nonviolence

A Workshop with Scott Kennedy
Saturday, Oct. 4, 2003
8:45 a.m.–1 p.m.

St. Mark's Church, 7503 Northview, Boise

The workshop will explore transformative non-violence, especially as practiced by Gandhi, as a way to resolve conflict humanely and effectively. This is a process of personal and social transformation rooted in the power of love and the desire for the well-being of all. Everyone is welcome to attend. \$15 suggested donation. Childcare will be available. Pre-registration appreciated. Please email peacenow@arczip.com or call 853-4435.

The Road Map to Where?

A Presentation and Discussion on the Middle East with Scott Kennedy.

Saturday, Oct. 4, 2003, 7:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church, 9th and State, Boise

Scott will share his knowledge and thoughts about the ever-changing situation in the region including the role that the peace and justice community plays. Childcare will be available.

Come at 6:00 pm and enjoy delicious food and lively company at the Snake River Alliance Community Dinner. Dinner tickets are \$6 for Alliance members, \$7 for non-members, and \$2 for children. Dinner is in Lindsay Hall, enter from 9th St.

Scott Kennedy's Boise appearance is co-sponsored by the Interfaith Alliance of Idaho, Idaho Voices of Faith for Human Rights, St. Mark's Social Justice Committee, Islamic Center of Boise, First Congregational United Church of Christ, Boise Valley Friends Meeting (Quakers) and Snake River Alliance.

For more information contact Liz Paul, 853-4435.

Boise City May Opt Out of USA PATRIOT Act Enforcement

On Sept. 16, at its 5 p.m. pre-council meeting on the 3rd floor of Boise City Hall, the Boise City Council will consider a resolution not to enforce the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act. The so-called PATRIOT Act allows local governments to opt out of enforcing its provisions that many feel violate our basic freedoms. **Come and support this important effort to protect our civil rights.** Contact Kathleen for more information: ks4peace@earthlink.net or 336-7702.

Exploring and Practicing Nonviolence

Guided Study and Experience

Thursday evenings, 6:30–9 p.m.

Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30 and Nov. 7 and 14

The Islamic Center of Boise, 2719 W. Stewart St.
(by Jerry's 27th St Market)

For those interested in further exploration of transformative nonviolence, the journey will continue after Scott Kennedy's visit. Through presentations, small groups, reflections, role-plays, readings and keeping a nonviolence journal, participants will explore how to use active nonviolence in their lives.

Idaho Peace Coalition members will guide a process designed to open space for all people in all walks of life to recognize the power of non-violence; to make contact with this power; to deepen our spiritual grounding so that our lives and our society can be transformed; and to contribute to the process of becoming artisans of a more just and compassionate world.

Donations will be requested to cover the costs of materials. Please pre-register by calling 853-4435 or email peacenow@arczip.com

Idaho Peace Coalition Calendar

Sept. 14—Spokes Council meeting, 4-7 p.m., 4179 N Marcliff Avenue (off Edna and 5 Mile, between Ustick and McMillan). The agenda will include an evaluation of 2003 activities and visioning for 2004. Everyone is welcome. Potluck dinner. Contact Nino for more information: kether@rmci.net or 381-0357.

Sept. 18—Idaho Peace Coalition monthly meeting, 7 pm, 1520 N 12th. Come and discuss current affairs and help work on upcoming events.

Sept. 22—Action Committee meeting 7pm, 5567 W. Clearview. Come and get involved.

Sept 24—Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride 6-10 p.m. Farmway Village Camp, Caldwell. A national mobilization for immigrant rights. Join in solidarity for an evening of speakers, food and performance. For more information contact Leo Morales, ICAN 385-9146.

Oct. 25—"Bring The Troops Home Now! End the Occupation of Iraq!" international day of protest. Watch for local details.

Oct. 25—Idaho Peace Coalition benefit with Doug Martsch and Built to Spill, Big Easy Concert House, 8 p.m.

Boise Women in Black silent vigil for peace Noon–12:30 p.m. at Capitol and Main. Please join us on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. Contact Susan for more information: lshyatt@velocity.net

“No Child Left Behind” Law Puts War Ahead of Our Children’s Rights to Privacy and a Future

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB), requires that school districts receiving certain federal funding provide secondary students’ names, addresses and phone numbers on request to the United States military for recruiting purposes. The law also requires that schools give students and parents the opportunity to opt out before contact information is disclosed. Students or parents need to instruct their school district not to include them on any lists released to the military. This must be done every year within 30 days of receiving notice.

Disclosure of student names, addresses and phone numbers without consent is an invasion of privacy. Students may receive recruiting letters and phone calls from every branch of the United States military, and

recruiters are well known for not taking “no” for an answer. The potential for intimidation and coercion is great.

Furthermore, schools are being held hostage by this law because if they do not comply with the request for information they are threatened with the loss of federal funds.

The Idaho Peace Coalition encourages students and parents to opt out and to request that their school district enact an opt-in policy whereby no information would be released unless consent were given. Text for the opt-out section of the act can be read at:

http://www.wagingpeace.org/articles/02.12/1203text_sec9528_nochildleftbehind.htm

OPT OUT FORM (Clip or photocopy this form, fill it out and mail to your school district clerk)

Dear Clerk:

I am writing to request that you do not release any information (name, address or telephone number) about _____, born on _____,

(print student’s name)

for military recruitment purposes as is provided for under Paragraph 2, Subsection (a) of Section 9528 of Public Law 107-110.

Sincerely,

Name (signature of parent or student) _____

Dated _____

Boise School Dist., 8169 W. Victory Rd., Boise, ID 83709
 Kuna School Dist., 1450 Boise St., Kuna, ID 83634

Meridian School Dist., 911 Meridian Rd., Meridian, ID 83642
 Nampa School District, 619 S. Canyon, Nampa, ID 83686

Caldwell School Dist., 1101 E. Cleveland Blvd., Caldwell, ID 83605

The Small Print

P.L. 107-110 “No Child Left Behind Act of 2001”
 SEC. 9528 ARMED FORCES RECRUITER ACCESS TO STUDENTS AND STUDENT RECRUITING INFORMATION
 (a) Policy.—

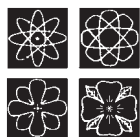
(1) Access to Student Recruiting Information.—Notwithstanding section 444(a)(5)(B) of the General Education Provisions Act and except as provided in paragraph (2), each local educational agency receiving assistance under this Act shall provide, on a request made by military recruiters or an institution of higher education, access to secondary school students names, addresses, and telephone listings.

(2) Consent.—A secondary school student or the parent of the student may request that the student’s name, address, and telephone listing described in paragraph (1) not be released without prior written parental consent, and the local educational agency or private school shall notify parents of the option to make a request and shall comply with any request.

(3) Same Access to Students.—Each local educational agency receiving assistance under this Act shall provide military recruiters the same access to secondary school students as is provided generally to post secondary educational institutions or to prospective employers of those students.

THE IDAHO PEACE COALITION

is a volunteer organization based in Boise, Idaho. Founded in 2001, the Idaho Peace Coalition is dedicated to compassionate and nonviolent action. We work for peace and justice through education, advocacy and personal responsibility. Make peace a part of your life by volunteering to help with events, communication or administration. Call us at 853-4435 or email us at idahopeacecoalition-owner@yahoogroups.com to find out how you can help. Contributions to the Idaho Peace Coalition are used for programs and actions. All donations are greatly appreciated and can be sent to P.O. Box 1731 Boise ID 83701. If you would like your donation to be tax-deductible please make the check out to United Vision for Idaho.



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