

White supremacists rally to protest Center's work

MONTGOMERY — More than 100 Montgomery police officers stood guard on Jan. 25 as leading white supremacists from at least nine states converged here to protest the Center and its co-founder Morris Dees.

Riot-gear-clad officers flanked about 75 men, women and children as they milled about for more than an hour on Washington Avenue between the Center's office and the Civil Rights Memorial, their various leaders taking turns spouting hateful rhetoric. They shouted "White Power!" and brandished neo-Nazi flags and placards. One young girl held a sign urging, "Save the white race!"

Center Intelligence Project staff observed leading white supremacists from Idaho, Arkansas, Ohio, Louisiana, New Jersey, Texas, South Carolina, Florida and Alabama at the rally.

Among them was Richard Butler, the aging leader of the notorious neo-Nazi Aryan Nations. He lost his 20-acre Idaho compound, for decades the home of some



Montgomery police guard the Center's office and the Civil Rights Memorial while white supremacists from across the country protest in the street.

of the nation's most violent white supremacists, when Center attorneys successfully sued him after Aryan Nations security guards assaulted a mother and

her son as they drove along a nearby road. "We put out the message of our race," Butler said. "We have had some hard times, but we will have victory."

Some other groups represented at the demonstration were the American White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, the World Church of the Creator, the Church of the Sons of YHVH and the Keystone Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

"We're all standing together because we're all white nationalists," said Billy Roper, head of White Revolution, a new organization that seeks to act as an umbrella group for disparate factions of white supremacists groups. Roper's organization has staged events around the country in recent months in an effort to organize other groups, and he planned the protest at the Center.

Dozens of other police were stationed throughout the downtown blocks surrounding the Center's office. Montgomery police chief John Wilson said he had assigned a total of about 250 officers to the protest to ensure there was no trouble, and there was none.

The Center's security staff, working the Intelligence Project, carefully monitored the hate-mongers with its cameras and gathered valuable intelligence for the Center's files. Police expressed gratitude to the Center for the help it provided in advance of the gathering.

Center film nominated for Oscar

Teaching Tolerance's newest educational film, *Mighty Times: The Legacy of Rosa Parks*, has earned a 2003 Academy Award nomination for best documentary short subject. The 40-minute video revisits the familiar Montgomery Bus Boycott while highlighting and introducing new stories and unsung heroes of the Movement.

"We're honored to receive such an endorsement," said Teaching Tolerance director Jim Carnes. "But the real tribute goes to the remarkable people who made the Montgomery Bus Boycott happen. We hope the nomination will prompt even more educators to utilize this free resource in their classrooms."

The video is part of a classroom curriculum kit including a viewer's guide with classroom activities and historical documents that bring the Montgomery Bus Boycott alive for today's middle and high school students. The Center expects to distribute the kit to as many as 50,000 schools across the country, at no cost to educators.

In the film, boycott participants and witnesses are joined by their sons, daughters, grandchildren, cousins, nieces and nephews to tell Parks' inspiring story. The presence of family members enhances

the narrative and shows how the story of the Bus Boycott inspires today's younger generation.

Teaching Tolerance teamed with California filmmakers Bobby Houston and Robert Hudson of Tell the Truth Pictures to make the *Mighty Times* documentary. Based in Ojai, California, the two also made *A Place at the Table*, another Teaching Tolerance film.

To date, *Mighty Times* has won a Chris Award in the Social Issues category at the Columbus (Ohio) Film & Video Festival and a Grand Festival Award in the Education category at the Berkeley Video & Film Festival Awards.

"We are proud to have produced this remarkable film honoring Rosa Parks," said Morris Dees, Center co-founder. "Her legacy should live on as an inspiration for us all, but especially for our youth."

Mighty Times is the fifth in a series of video-and-text curriculum kits produced by Teaching Tolerance and is the fourth Center educational film to be nominated for an Oscar. *A Time for Justice*, the Center's first Teaching Tolerance film, won the 1994 Academy Award in the best documentary short subject category.



Singer contributes to new Center kit

Folksinger Arlo Guthrie (right), whose song "All Work Together" is included in the Center's newest Teaching Tolerance educational kit — I Will Be Your Friend, a sing-along CD and activity songbook — visited the Center in February. Pictured with Morris Dees and Rosi Smith, project coordinator for the new package, Guthrie and his famous father, the late Woody Guthrie, contributed two of the CD's 26 songs. See story on page four.

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MAILBOX

Donor grateful for Wall of Tolerance

Polly Keary, a musician and college student living in Lynnwood, Washington, recently wrote this letter to Center co-founder Morris Dees.

Thank you for your kind letter in response to my small contribution. I wish it could have been more, but right now I am a struggling college student. I promise when I finish school and get into a career, I will be a regular contributor to your incredible organization.

When I was about 10 years old, I read Richard Wright's *Native Son*. The horror of racism burned into me at that point and has never left. Racism offends me more than anything else in the world.

I can't tell you how stirred I was to learn about the Southern Poverty Law Center. Then you came to my neck of the woods. I live in Washington State, and I followed news about the Aryan Nations compound in Idaho very closely. When I heard that Morris Dees and the Center were suing the Aryan Nations, it was as if a bully had been picking on my neighborhood and then one day Arnold Schwarzeneg-

ger showed up to defend us! And you won your lawsuit like I knew you would, and in a beautiful example of justice, the entire compound was given to the victims. I understand the property is now used to promote tolerance. Thank you.

When I first got your offer to have my name put on the Wall of Tolerance, I did not have any extra money. So the letter sat on my desk for months. When I finally got a little bit ahead, I thought it was too late. I told my Mom I'd always regret that my name wasn't on the Wall. Then I got the second chance in the mail. I like to give to organizations that do good work, but I don't think I've ever written a check that made me happier. Some day I will travel to see the Wall after it is completed.

You are an American hero. Your courage and dedication to the cause of human dignity are an inspiration. Count on my continued support.



Polly Keary

Congratulations on your Oscar nomination! I am proud to be a contributor to your wonderful organization, and I always tell people about you when the opportunity presents itself.

C. M.
Aurora, Colorado

I have been teaching in a predominantly black school for over five years. I received your teaching kit *A Place at the Table* about two years ago but never used it until recently. I had no idea what I was missing! What a great program! My minority students are used to intolerance and bigotry as part of the world, but what they do not realize is that other groups are often the target of intolerance as well. Your materials will be an eye-opener for them and will inspire them to change the world as they grow older. Thanks!

N. T.
Mobile, Alabama

I write to express my great appreciation of the video *Mighty Times: The Legacy of Rosa Parks*. I am proud to have supported the creation of this project as well as the operation of the Center since I became a member in 1981. I have never felt that the contributions I make monthly do not make a difference. This video has

accurately depicted the facts of a difficult period in the United States. We must tell the truth and acknowledge the facts if there is to be a future.

Congratulations to the Center and the many who helped to make this video. If there is but one moral to learn about Mrs. Parks, it is that one person can — and does — make a difference.

G. H.
Jersey City, New Jersey

I just received my first copy of the *Intelligence Report* and wanted to say that it deserves the name; it's the most intelligent, readable discussion of these issues I've ever seen. Thank you!

J. K.
Malden, Massachusetts

Although I'm on a disability retirement with a limited income, I believe that your organization deserves what I can spare for charitable contributions. The information you send is outstanding. I wish to help the Center in any way I can.

It is hard to think of a group of employees and attorneys who are making more of a difference in helping this world become a better place than you folks.

F. R.
Mammoth Lakes, California



'Partner' visits Center

Center co-founder Morris Dees (right) was on hand to greet Ralph and Mieko Terry of Antioch, Illinois, when they stopped by the Center in February on their way home from a visit to the Mississippi coast. A Center donor since 1993, Ralph is also a Partner for the Future, having included the Center in his will. To learn how to become a Center Partner, call the Center's toll-free number, 1-888-414-7752, or send an e-mail requesting information to plannedgiving@splcenter.org.

North Carolina educator is named to Center board

Lloyd "Vic" Hackley of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, has accepted an invitation to join the Center's board of directors. The board voted to expand from six to seven members at its October meeting and chose Hackley to fill the new slot.

Hackley is chairman emeritus of the national CHARACTER COUNTS! coalition, a group of schools, communities and nonprofit organizations working to advance character education. He is a full-time volunteer for the group, serving as a nationally certified instructor at hundreds of workshops, and lectures on ethics and character development throughout the United States and overseas.

Officially retired from the presidency of the North Carolina Community College Systems, Hackley continues to serve numerous constituencies and communities through many other board affiliations. He recently worked with the University of North Carolina-Wilmington to increase diversity at the institution. The college is located in a region where 34 percent of all students are black, but it only admitted 60 African-American students last fall. Total enrollment at the school is about 10,000.

A Phi Beta Kappa scholar, Hackley is a graduate of Michigan State University and earned his doctorate at the University of North Carolina. He is a retired

Air Force officer who once coached track and cross country at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Other experience includes serving as chancellor and tenured professor at both Fayetteville State University and the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. He was chair of the North Carolina Child Advocacy Institute,

chair of the Arkansas Civil Rights Commission, and chair of the President's Advisory Board on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Hackley was also a faculty member in the Government Executive Institute at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill School of Business and served as vice president in the University of North Carolina system.

Recently, Hackley was presented — for the second time — with the North Carolina PTA's highest award for service to children.

"Vic Hackley brings a lifetime of tremendous experience that will be an invaluable asset to the Center as we plan future programs," said Center co-founder and president Joseph J. Levin Jr. "We are grateful that he is willing to give his time and energy to us."

Other Center board members are Julian Bond of Washington, D.C. (see story on page 5); Patricia Clark of Nyack, New York; Frances M. Green of Boulder, Colorado; James McElroy of San Diego; Howard Mandell of New York City, and Levin.



Lloyd "Vic" Hackley

Hate group numbers rise, but neo-Nazis in disarray

Just one year ago, America's radical right was thriving. For the first time in its history, the country's largest neo-Nazi group was pulling in close to \$1 million a year and supporting a paid national staff of 17 people. Anti-immigration fervor was heating up, and hate groups around the nation were holding successful rallies. By late summer, extremists had seized control of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, a 32,000-member Southern heritage group.

What a difference a year has made.

As the first few months of 2003 unfold, the radical right, especially the neo-Nazi wing, is in turmoil. Starting with the July 23 death of William Pierce, founder and leader of the

neo-Nazi National Alliance, white supremacists and other extremists have suffered a series of unmitigated disasters. Splits and other internal battles have started to tear apart several groups. Defections, deportations and desperate finances are sapping the movement's lifeblood. Starting in December, a series of arrests has put key leaders behind bars, and hysteria is on the rise.

Hate groups grow to 708

Through it all, the numbers of hate groups operating in the United States remained essentially steady. The Center's Intelligence Project counted 708 hate groups that were active in 2002, up almost 5 percent from 2001's count of 676. But the increase of 32 groups was almost entirely accounted for by improved counting techniques, not by the appearance of new groups during the calendar year. The number of U.S.-based hate sites on the Web rose to 443 from 405 the year before, roughly matching the expansion of Web sites overall.

These numbers mask the neo-Nazi movement's serious problems. Matt Hale, former leader of the World Church of the Creator, awaits trial on charges that he solicited the murder of a federal judge. Former Klansman David Duke pleaded guilty to charges that he ripped off his supporters and will serve up to 15 months in jail. The Aryan Nations is begging for money to keep its leader, Richard Butler, from losing his home. And the National Alliance, America's premier neo-Nazi organization, has suffered a split that has left it so

financially strapped that the group is unable to publish its premier products on time, including *Resistance* magazine. These four groups account for more than a quarter of all hate group chapters.

The pall over most of the radical right also extends to "Patriot" groups, such as militias, which are characterized less by race hatred than antigovernment ideology. The number of antigovernment Patriot groups fell from 158 in 2001 to 143 in 2002 — the seventh consecutive decline recorded by the Intelligence Project since 1996, when the militia movement peaked with 858 groups. At the same time, Patriot Web sites rose from 143 in 2001 to 175 last year.

A few sectors of the radical right seemed to thrive.

In particular, the world of academic racists — those who promote racial theories of intelligence and a return to the discredited "science" of eugenics, or "race betterment" — is doing well. The Pioneer Fund, which funds such studies, has received new infusions of cash in the last two years. Funding is also up for the New Century Foundation, which publishes the eugenicist *American Renaissance* magazine, whose circulation has now reached 6,000.

In addition, anti-immigrant groups have benefited tremendously from worries about foreign terrorism that have some Americans wanting to shut down national borders. Several major vigilante groups are currently operating in southeastern Arizona, where they have participated in roundups of illegal immigrants. The activities of these groups, as well as the recent murders of a number of Mexicans as they tried to cross the U.S. border, have many officials deeply worried.

Neo-Confederate groups, too, have been doing well, despite a small drop in their numbers. They were particularly pleased with the election of Sonny Perdue as Georgia governor over incumbent Roy Barnes, who analysts said lost last year's election because of his opposition to the Confederate battle flag. And extremists have come very close to controlling the Sons of Confederate Veterans. The League of the South hate group, which lost members in 2001 after leaders Michael Hill described the Sept. 11 attacks as a fruit of multiculturalism, is now leading an effort to create a new Southern-based political party.



Neo-Nazi leader Richard Butler, pictured here with his Aryan Nations bodyguard Rick Spring during a protest against the Center, has been financially strapped since a Center lawsuit bankrupted his group.

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Neo-Nazi leader arrested in plot to kill judge

CHICAGO — Matt Hale, the 31-year-old leader of the neo-Nazi World Church of the Creator, was arrested Dec. 13 on charges that he tried to arrange the murder of a federal judge. He was taken into custody by agents of the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force when he came to Chicago's federal courthouse for a contempt of court hearing in a trademark infringement lawsuit. Hale was indicted on charges that he tried to get someone to kill U.S. District Judge Joan Humphrey Lefkowitz, who was presiding over a trademark case involving Hale's use of the phrase "Church of the Creator." Lefkowitz had recently ordered Hale's organization to stop using it because it infringed on the rights of the Oregon-based TETA-MA Truth Foundation Church of the Creator.

Hale refused to comply with the trademark order and allegedly asked his chief of security, Tony Evola, to have Lefkowitz murdered. Trial is set for July 14 in Chicago. If convicted, Hale faces up to 30 years in federal prison.

White supremacist lawyer linked to espionage case

SPOKANE, WASH. — Kirk Lyons, a white supremacist lawyer known for his close ties to racial and other extremists, has been linked to an espionage case in the Northwest. On Feb. 4, the FBI in Spokane arrested 51-year-old Rafael Davila and his ex-wife, Deborah Cummings Davila, for possessing, and allegedly distributing, several boxes of classified military documents — some involving chemical, nuclear and biological warfare strategies. The FBI said that the missing documents pose a "huge threat" to U.S. security and that they would be worth millions on the black market.

Rafael Davila was a former army intelligence officer and, after retiring in 1999, he was an intelligence officer with a top-secret rating for the National Guard. Davila told the FBI that he took home boxes of secret documents to study. Deborah Davila is believed to have collected at least \$2,000 for mailing more than 300 documents to addresses in Georgia, North Carolina, and Texas. Deborah Davila told the FBI "a mysterious man" told her in a phone conversation that one thick envelope of secret papers would reach Kirk Lyons, a North Carolina lawyer who has

represented a variety of white supremacist groups.

Lyons has denied he received the documents and said that he has not seen Deborah Davila since the early 1990s. He has not been charged with a crime, but the FBI has interviewed him and his family.

Black supremacist leader pleads guilty to charges

EATONTON, GA. — Dwight York, 57, leader of the black supremacist United Nuwaubian Nation of Moors and a man who was worshipped as a god by his followers, pleaded guilty on Jan. 25 to 40 counts of aggravated child molestation, 34 counts of sexual exploitation of children, and two counts of influencing witnesses. The day before, York pleaded guilty in federal court to one count of transporting children across state lines for the purpose of unlawful sex and one count of illegally structuring cash transactions. Under the plea agreement negotiated among his attorneys and federal and state prosecutors, York received a 50-year sentence on the state charges and could be eligible for parole in approximately 12 years.

The plea effectively ended York's tenure as leader of the sect. An undetermined number of followers remain at the group's Putnam County compound, which York deeded to several members, but there are few signs that the Nuwaubian movement continues to thrive.

New SCV head suspends anti-racists from group

ELM SPRINGS, TENN. — Just after the Feb. 1 deadline for Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) annual dues passed, the newly elected Commander in Chief, Ron G. Wilson, began purging from the organization members opposed to racial extremism.

Hundreds of North Carolinians affiliated with Save the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SSCV), which was set up last fall to reject racial extremism in the SCV, received letters alerting them to their suspensions. The suspensions affect approximately 350 SCV members. In their stead, Wilson is appointing racial extremists, like Boyd Cathey, a member of the Holocaust-denying Institute for Historical Review.

A judge issued a preliminary injunction, staying the suspension of one camp and its commander, John Woodard, until a trial is held.



Today show focuses on tolerance

NBC's Matt Lauer (left) listens as Center co-founder Morris Dees talks about the need for teaching tolerance to America's youth. The Jan. 27 edition of the Today show devoted about 30 minutes to issues of hate and tolerance. In addition to Dees, other panelists were Jim Zogby (from left) of the Arab-American Institute; Judy Shepard, mother of hate crime victim Matthew Shepard; and Ruby Bridges, who as an elementary student integrated a New Orleans school in 1960.

Kit uses music to teach tolerance

Teaching Tolerance expanded its repertoire of free educational kits with the mid-February release of *I Will Be Your Friend: Songs and Activities for Young Peacemakers*, a sing-along CD and activity songbook. Designed for children in grades 2 through 5, this collection of 26 songs draws from many cultures and languages while it explores social justice issues not often addressed in music for this age group.

Minneapolis singer-songwriter Larry Long and Teaching Tolerance staff members selected 26 songs out of 3,000 pieces collected from diverse songwriters and cultural traditions. The resulting anthology includes easy-to-learn and easy-to-sing songs in an assortment of languages spoken in the U.S., and it presents an exhilarating variety of musical styles — rap, folk, jazz, gospel, show tunes, spoken word and traditional song.

Songs reflect diverse communities

Long, assisted by J.D. Steele and Ellen Weiss, assembled children and adults from diverse communities to record six of the songs, and the CD also includes the music of contemporary artists. Original archival recordings offer historical perspective: Pete Seeger singing Zaret and Singer's "It Could Be a Wonderful World," Malvina Reynolds singing her own "Magic Penny," Louis Armstrong's well-known recording of "What a Wonderful World" and Langston Hughes reciting two of his poems, "Dreams" and "Youth." Those who are well acquainted with musical theater will recognize "You've Got to Be Carefully Taught," from Rodger and Hammerstein's *South Pacific*, which reflects the 1949 play's theme of racial intolerance.

The colorful spiral-bound activity songbook includes melody and chord notation, guitar fingering and complete lyrics to all 26 songs, a full score for one choral anthem, biographies of songwriters

and featured performers and a resource guide to musical activism.

The 128-page book also offers flexible classroom activities on the themes of Honoring Traditions, Love and Friendship, One World, Building Community and Struggles for Justice. Songs that relate to each theme are listed at the beginning of that section, with some songs appropriate to more than one theme. Teachers can focus on a theme or on a particular song across themes, or use the songs as a creative spark for students.

This would please producer Larry Long, who said: "I hope that it inspires many children to write new songs and that it inspires many teachers to step out of the box...so that children can learn experientially and focus on

the creativity that every human being on this earth has." With the increased emphasis on standardized testing in our public schools, Long believes that the arts are more important than ever.

"Music and all of the creative arts should be a part of every child's school experience. We hope that this new kit will bring the themes of tolerance and social justice into school and community music programs, and music into the general elementary classroom," said Jim Carnes, director of Teaching Tolerance.

Sing-along kit is additional resource

Teaching Tolerance has produced five video-and-text kits: *Mighty Times*, *A Place at the Table*, *Starting Small*, *The Shadow of Hate* and *America's Civil Rights Movement*. The new package is available free of charge to elementary schools and teachers, religious and community centers and other organizations serving children in the younger grades. An audio preview is available at www.teachingtolerance.org. Web materials also include additional biographical and song information and resource links.



New kit is free to schools.



Tibetan monks view Memorial

A group of seven Tibetan Buddhist monks took time from their work on a mandala sand painting at Alabama State University in December and paid a visit to the Civil Rights Memorial. Pictured are Tenzin Sangpo (left) and the group's road manager, Scott Verberne of New Zealand. The monks, based at Drepung Loseling Monastery in southern India, are on an 18-month tour throughout the United States. For information, go to www.mysticalartsoftibet.org.

Center suit helped mother of murdered sailor 'hero'

This is the first of an occasional SPLC Report series looking back at early Center cases.

The 1992 debut issue of the Center's *Teaching Tolerance* magazine featured a poignant story about a class of Oklahoma City 4th graders inspired by Gulf War sailor Harold Mansfield. While Mansfield was on duty in the Persian Gulf, the students wrote frequent letters to their "hero" and posted his picture prominently in their classroom.

When the war ended and the young black sailor returned home, the students were finally able to meet the man they had come to admire so much. They threw a party for Mansfield, who spent an entire day with the children in their classroom, getting to know them and talking about his work.

A mere three weeks later, the children's hero was gone — shot to death in the parking lot of a Florida grocery store by white supremacist George David Loeb. In a letter to Loeb, one student wrote: "You don't know what you did to us. You broke our hearts with a gun like you did to Harold, one of my best sailor friends."

Loeb, who was a member of the fiercely racist organization Church of the Creator (COTC), was convicted for the 1991 murder and sentenced to life in prison.

Having documented COTC's violent history, Center attorneys sued the group and obtained a \$1 million default judgment

against the so-called "church." In an attempt to keep any monetary award from Mansfield's heirs, COTC transferred ownership of its headquarters to fellow white supremacist William Pierce, leader of the notorious neo-Nazi group National Alliance. In 1995, Center attorneys sued Pierce for his role in



Harold Mansfield

the fraudulent scheme and won an \$85,000 judgment. An appeals court upheld the award, and the U.S. Supreme Court refused to review the case.

In January, the Center sent Connie Mansfield, mother of the murdered sailor, a check for \$70,000, the final payment collected under the judgment.

"It took great courage for Connie to see this case through and to go against two hate groups," said Richard Cohen, the Center's general counsel who worked on the case. "Like us, she was not interested in the money, but in seeing that justice was done. Harold will always be in our hearts."

Lawsuit settlement will improve conditions for incarcerated youth

Louisiana's juvenile detention centers — considered by some to be the worst in the nation — will soon undergo major improvements.

The New Orleans-based Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana (JJPL) and Center attorneys negotiated a lawsuit settlement agreement between the state of Louisiana and the U. S. Department of Justice that requires the state to enhance its efforts to reduce violence and improve medical and mental health services at the state's correctional facilities. The agreement, which went into effect Jan. 17, applies to Louisiana's four juvenile detention facilities, located in Baton Rouge, Bridge City, Monroe and Tallulah.

"The conditions in Louisiana's detention centers are appalling," said Danielle Lipow, a Center attorney involved in the settlement negotiations. "The violence, insufficient health care and lack of educational resources prevent these children from

receiving rehabilitation that could help them lead healthy adult lives in the future."

The recent settlement agreement, which replaces an earlier one reached in 2000, extends provisions of the original agreement that call for the state to improve the facilities' unfit conditions and that allow the federal government to monitor the state's actions. In addition, the agreement requires expanded mental health treatment and programming and expanded training for staff responsible for investigating allegations of abuse and neglect.

Expert will oversee improvements

The new agreement also adds a provision that calls for the appointment of an independent expert — James Austin, director of the Institute on Crime, Justice and Corrections at The George Washington University — to monitor the four juvenile facilities.

"The settlement is groundbreaking for Louisiana because

for the first time the state has agreed to engage national experts to help them fix the deep problems in the facilities," said David Utter, JJPL executive director. "In large part because of the advocacy done by JJPL and the Center, the state was forced to recognize that it couldn't do it on its own."

A Center grant helped found JJPL in 1998 to address the abysmal conditions of the juvenile justice system in Louisiana. The Center continues its support of JJPL, and attorneys from both organizations have collaborated on several projects, including a class-action suit filed in 1998 that stopped the brutal treatment of inmates at the juvenile detention center in Tallulah.

"Louisiana needs to stop locking up so many kids. Everywhere we can we're thinking of ways to push the state to reform its policy in this area," said Utter. "For the kids that are incarcerated, this agreement will improve the way they're treated."

Grant helps student choir expand understanding, respect

FORT LEAVENWORTH, KAN. — “You can learn a lot about a country from its folk songs,” says first-year music teacher, Joanna Staudinger of MacArthur Elementary School, an international school with a 100-percent military family population. To enhance students’ understanding of global geography and cultural diversity, Staudinger started a choir that focuses on folk music — the first of its kind here.

With the support of a Teaching Tolerance grant, Staudinger purchased two instruments for simple accompaniment, CDs and classroom sets of books with folk music from around the world.

“I am grateful to Teaching Tolerance and the Southern Poverty Law Center for supporting my vision of promoting tolerance through music,” said Staudinger.

She teaches folk music during her regular daily curriculum and with her after-school choir. Through their international repertoire, the children gain appreciation for the richness of world music. In the process, they also learn about the values, language, history, geography and musical practices of many cultures.

MacArthur assistant principal Marlene Black, voiced support for the project. “The choir works hard to sound as authentic as possible. The kids explore regions of the world you don’t usually hear about.”

During a “pilot” concert, students, parents and the community got a taste of the sounds when the choir of 5th and 6th graders sang two Croatian folk songs. Staudinger acknowledged the delight of her students. “They loved it. They were ready to do more,” she said.

The choir exclusively sings folk music at four performances during the school year. The list includes songs from the Caribbean, Africa, Asia and Europe.



A Teaching Tolerance grant enabled Kansas music teacher Joanna Staudinger, shown here with some of her students, to create an ethnic folk music program at her school.

As soon as Staudinger began planning for the choir, she realized the immediate need to purchase new music books. “It’s hard to find ethnic folk music in your average songbook. I wanted to purchase new songbooks so the kids could see the music on paper,” she said.

Her students learn to sing songs in the original language, and their mastery of pronunciation is impressive. According to Staudinger, the songs cover a wide range of human experiences from everyday topics such as birds, flowers or doing the laundry to deeper concerns like going to war. She provides translations so that the children will know what they are singing about. “It takes a lot of time, a lot of study and a lot of focus,” she added.

Staudinger shows particular concern for the physical demands of vigorous folk singing. She takes special precautions to ensure the young singers do not damage their vocal cords while attempting new styles. The singers learn to speak the verses and choruses before putting them to

music. Then they practice vocal exercises using the “open-voice” technique favored by many folk traditions. “The style is different from the vocal tone many of the students are accustomed to hearing and singing in church choirs,” she added.

School principal Dr. Jeanne Berg is pleased with the program. “We haven’t had a choir for many, many years, and Mrs. Staudinger has been able to come in and really engage the children. Choir is an extracurricular activity and completely voluntary. Most of the work the kids do is done outside of the regular school day,” she added.

For teachers like Staudinger who want to use music to strengthen their classroom communities, Teaching Tolerance’s new sing-along CD and activity book offers a fresh take on America’s quest for unity and harmony. See related story on page four.



Thousands of students across America crossed social boundaries on the first national Mix It Up at Lunch Day last fall.

Mix It Up project continues

Building on the success of the first national Mix It Up at Lunch Day on Nov. 21, the Center’s Tolerance.org and Teaching Tolerance projects have released a new guidebook to help students continue their quest to break down social boundaries in schools.

The 2003 Mix It Up handbook, *Reaching Across Boundaries: Talk to Create Change*, was created in partnership with the Study Circles Resource Center, a Connecticut-based nonprofit specializing in interpersonal dialogue.

The handbook offers step-by-step instructions to help young people start Mix It Up Dialogue Groups on their campuses. Such groups provide a safe space for students to honestly discuss the harms that rigid social boundaries often inflict on individuals and communities.

“Participation in Mix It Up Dialogue Groups can help students who are taunted and teased — and those who are afraid to speak up — work through the personal pain social boundaries often cause,” said Jennifer Holladay, director of Tolerance.org.

The handbook also encourages participants of Mix It Up Dialogue Groups to take their newfound understanding of one another to the next level: personal and collective action.

“The Mix It Up program empowers young people to change the way they perceive and treat others, and themselves,” said Holladay. “It also supports activism by groups of students who want to tackle school-wide issues — issues like bullying or violence.”

Toward that end, Mix It Up also has unveiled a new grants program to support youth-directed activist projects that focus on the school-wide implications of social boundaries.

To learn more about the Mix It Up program and grants, visit www.mixitup.org

Bond addresses racist incidents

AUBURN, ALA. — Center board member Julian Bond spoke eloquently on Jan. 14 at Auburn University following the dedication of the school’s new Center for Diversity and Race Relations. Established in the wake of racist Halloween incidents that were exposed by Tolerance.org in the Fall of 2001, the new center was created to foster better relationships between students of all ethnicities.

Bond wasted no time in calling the 2001 Halloween parties, where students wore blackface costumes and KKK robes and even simulated a lynching, “stupid and unacceptable.” But he also praised the campus community for pulling together in the aftermath to create the new center and address issues of tolerance and diversity.

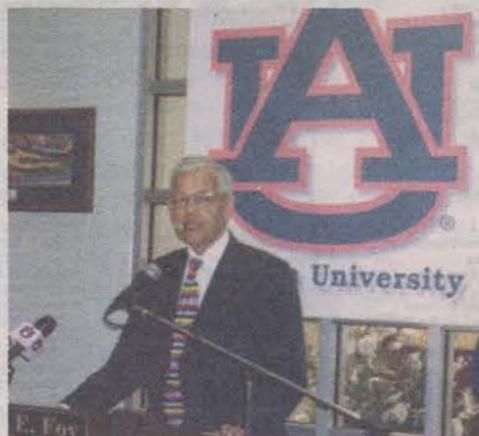
“This is a good thing,” Bond said. “It marks Auburn with some distinction.”

An Auburn official emphasized that much more work needs to be done. John F. Pritchett, interim provost and vice president for academic affairs, vowed that Auburn must pay “more than lip service” by making diversity a core value of the university.

Bond, a longtime civil rights activist, former Georgia legislator and current chairman of the NAACP, spoke briefly at a dedication ceremony at the center, located in the Auburn student union building, then delivered a

rousing 35-minute oratory later at a conference center.

In attendance were Center co-founders Morris Dees and Joe Levin, along with several other Center staff.



Julian Bond helped dedicate Auburn University’s new diversity center.

At both venues, Bond emphasized that Auburn is not alone in dealing with racist incidents on campus.

“It’s happened elsewhere, and, sad to say, it’s likely to happen again,” he said.

Bond also said that Auburn’s work in the aftermath of the 2001 Halloween party can send “great ripples of change” across campus, across the state and throughout the nation.

In his speech, Bond questioned a society where one percent of the nation’s households own 40 percent of its assets. He lamented the growing gulf between rich and poor. He blasted the practice of “profiling black people into the electric chair.” He fired salvos at those who would oppose affirmative

action while reaping the benefits of white privilege — all those “whites who got into Harvard or Yale ... or who got a job because their dad was president of the company — or president of the United States.”

The post-Sept. 11 backlash against immigrants also earned Bond’s ire, as did knee-jerk responses that have allowed more government power to spy and pry into lives of law-abiding citizens.

He listed statistics and traced history, pointing out that “only my father’s generation stands between Julian Bond and human bondage.”

This land, he said, has seen 246 years of slavery

followed by 100 years of state-sanctioned oppression. For 38 years — just 38 years, he said — African Americans have experienced a fuller set of rights.

“And now some are telling us these 38 years are enough.”

He recounted a recent poll in which 70 percent of whites said they thought blacks experienced no discrimination in employment or housing.

Whose job, then, is it to overcome such gross misinformation and tacit acceptance of inequality?

In a word — in Bond’s word — it’s everyone’s.

“All of us are implicated in inequality,” he said.

“None of this is easy work, but we have never wished our way to freedom. We have worked our way.”

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Marathon runner raises funds for Center's work

NEW YORK — The crowd thundered in applause. A man blared music from a boom box and held a sign that read "Stay Strong, Runners." Young children stretched out their small hands to high-five Debbie Weston From as she raced toward the finish line, marking the end of her long-aspired marathon run in New York City on Nov. 2.

"It was a really great sense of completion," said From. "At first I thought 'Wow, I did it!' and then 'Wow, I'm cold!'"

The famous song "New York, New York" greeted From, along with volunteers offering their congratulations, a medal, and a blanket.

Though the rush of completing the race in less than five hours was "amazing," From found the cause behind her race just as exciting.

"I wanted to run for me mostly," she said, "but I also wanted to bring awareness to something I'm very passionate about, which is diversity issues... I don't know what I would do without the music, art, and food from other cultures."

From raised \$753.60 from family and friends to support the Center's tolerance work.

From was introduced to the Center's efforts while teaching on a Navajo reservation in New Mexico. She often included Teaching Tolerance materials for her students as well as her child development and life skills classes.

From found out she was selected to participate in the marathon 18 weeks before the race. She began following the training guide suggested by the New York Road Runners and planned raising money to support the Center.

From sent mass e-mails to family, friends, and teachers, who then forwarded her request to oth-



Debbie From

ers, asking them to support her race with pledges to the Center. She said she was surprised by the generous response.

"My main priority was to get the word out, to let them know the organization exists and provides wonderful teaching aids," From said. "There are a lot of people who were introduced to the Center who may not have been — with the help of friends and family networking."

While in New York City, From was inspired by the diverse cultures and backgrounds of the 3,000 runners around her: smells of different foods filling the air, different languages swirling around in her head, and different clothing styles adding color to the crowd.

One runner was legally blind. Another wore braces on her legs. A man in a wheelchair finished in less than two hours. Runners from Kenya, France, Ireland, Japan, and Columbia ran alongside New Jersey, Wisconsin, and California natives to reach a common goal — the finish line 26 miles away.

The 2.5 million onlookers also represented a wide range of cultures. Musicians entertained the runners with everything from afro-pop to polka.

From was especially moved as she ran through a neighborhood filled with mostly Hasidic Jews.

"It was so quiet," she recalled. "I could hear people breathing as they ran beside me. I could hear the pounding of their sneakers against the pavement. No one was cheering us on, but those people were showing their support in their own way, and it was just as energizing."

From now lives in Georgia with her husband, James, and their two-year old daughter, Hannah.



Center president welcomes donor

Center president and co-founder Joe Levin (center) welcomed Tom Bedell of Dayton, Ohio, and his friend Pat French when they visited the Center on Dec. 2. A donor since 1997, Bedell is retired from General Motors. The two came south to visit relatives in Auburn and Tuskegee, Alabama.

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The Southern Poverty Law Center pays tribute to the memory of supporters who included the Center in their wills and other planned gifts.

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Supporters send 10,000 petitions on behalf of immigrant children

Last year, the Center alerted its supporters to the desperate situation facing thousands of immigrant children — detention without any legal representation in prisons and jails across the country.

A letter detailing the facts in a new Center lawsuit to force the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) to provide lawyers for these children also asked citizens to sign a petition requesting Attorney General John Ashcroft to use his leadership position to see that every child held by the INS be given a lawyer at government expense.

When the results were tallied, more than 10,000 petitions had been collected. In January, all the petitions were boxed and sent to Attorney General Ashcroft, along with a letter from Center chief trial counsel Morris Dees, urging him to ensure that every child facing INS deportation proceedings be given a lawyer.

"No child, much less a child with limited English skills, should be required to navigate one of our nation's most com-

plex statutory schemes on her own," Dees wrote.

Each year, the INS detains and deports up to 5,000 unaccompanied children who enter the country without legal documents. Most of these children — their average age is only 15 — come to America seeking a better life. Many come to escape persecution, violence, abuse, or torturous and inhumane practices like female circumcision. Despite the fact that many children have meritorious defenses to deportation, fewer than half have lawyers to help them.

Due process applies to all

"The failure to provide indigent child newcomers with legal assistance during their immigration proceedings stands in stark contrast with other American legal proceedings affecting children and is out of step with the practices of many other countries," Dees said. He noted that the due process clause of the U.S. Constitution applies to all persons within the United States, even illegal aliens. Due process

requires that government proceedings be conducted fairly and that those whose interests are at stake be given a meaningful opportunity to present their case.

America's immigration laws are so complicated that even lawyers often have difficulty understanding them. Courts have recognized that the immigration statute and its implementing regulations are second only to the Internal Revenue Code in complexity.

"It is simply unrealistic to expect a 15-year-old child — most likely a child who cannot understand English — to successfully navigate the labyrinth of immigration law and meaningfully present his case in an adversarial hearing against a federal immigration attorney," Dees said.

"One true measure of society is its treatment of children," he said. "If we are to live up to our claim to be the world leader in human rights, we must protect the rights of newcomer children in immigration proceedings."

Ashcroft had not responded to Dees' letter as of March 1.

Maine town's diversity rally outdraws hate-group gathering

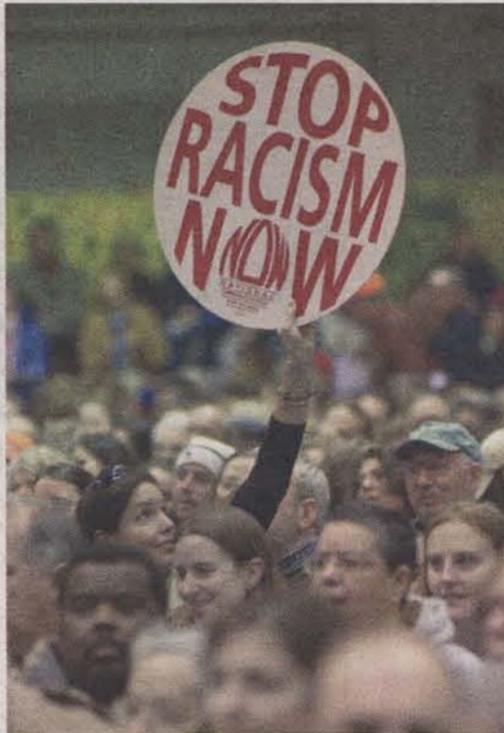
LEWISTON, MAINE — When hate came to town, it didn't find a welcome mat here. Instead, it found a community organized around diversity, proclaiming that message loud and clear.

"Hatred has no place here and will not be tolerated," said James Carignan, dean of Bates College in Lewiston.

About 5,000 people turned out for a diversity rally on Jan. 11, the same day a well-known hate group had scheduled a meeting in the same city. The hate gathering drew just 30 people.

Held at Bates College, the rally had been called in connection with controversy surrounding Lewiston's growing Somali immigrant community. The hate rally was planned by the World Church of the Creator (WCOTC). WCOTC leader Matt Hale was unable to attend due to his December arrest in Chicago on charges of soliciting the murder of a federal judge (see story on page 3).

Kelvin Datcher, outreach coordinator for the Center's Tolerance.org activism project, traveled to Lewiston in the days leading up to the rally and helped the town in



Laura Read of Kennebunk, Maine, holds an anti-racism sign during a diversity rally at Bates College to demonstrate support for Lewiston's Somali citizens.

its organizing efforts. Lewiston modeled its response after the Center publication, *Ten Ways to Fight Hate: A Community Response Guide*.

Bates College hosted a forum on issues of tolerance and diversity the day before the rally. Speakers included Datcher and Steve Wessler of the Center for the Prevention of Hate Violence at the University of Southern Maine.

In the past 18 months, Lewiston has become home to more than 1,000 Somalis. Tensions erupted last fall, when Lewiston Mayor Laurier T. Raymond Jr. wrote an open letter to the Somali community asking for a "voluntary" reduction in moving more of their relatives to town. The letter stated that the influx of Somalis had left the town "maxed-out, physically and emotionally."

Somali leaders, and others, said the mayor's words were racist. They called for an immediate apology.

"The way he is speaking, he thinks he's mayor for only white residents," one Somali man said at the time. "He's not

only their mayor. He's our mayor, too." Mayor Raymond was vacationing in Florida and did not attend the rally.

Many town members joined the Somali community in its protest. A meeting with the mayor eased some of the tensions, but white-supremacist groups thought they saw an opportunity.

The National Alliance targeted the town with racist literature, opening with the words, "Dear fellow White people." Hale's WCOTC, meanwhile, announced it would hold a town meeting in January. The title of that meeting was, "The Invasion of Maine by Somalis and How We Can End It."

That's when the town went to work in earnest, intent on showing an emotion other than hate.

"This is not who we are," Carignan said, "and we have to make sure people know that."

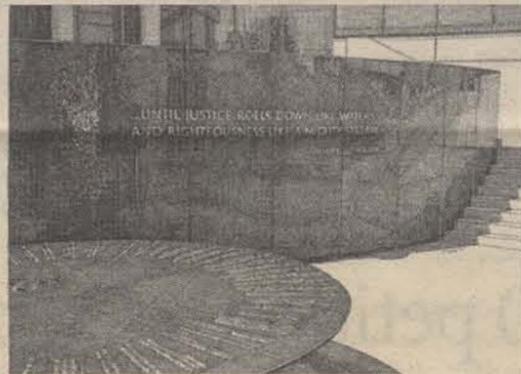
Mark Scholterbeck of Calvary United Methodist Church said, "people were frightened" by the WCOTC and the National Alliance, but "some kind of response had to happen."

Lewiston's response? About 200 people joined a steering committee for a new group, the Many and One Coalition.

Taking advice from local and national human rights groups, including the Center, Many and One decided to avoid a direct protest of the hate gathering and instead chose an alternate gathering to promote diversity and tolerance.

Speaking at that gathering, John Jenkins, a former Lewiston mayor, told the crowd, "We are many, we are one — one community that welcomes all. We say 'no' to hatred. We say 'yes' to safety. We support full membership in the community for everyone."

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IN MEMORIAM

Elias "Eli" Glogow (1924-2002)

Elias "Eli" Glogow, associate professor emeritus at the University of Southern California and loyal supporter of the Center since 2001, died at age 68 on Sept. 12, 2002.

Glogow was born to Polish immigrants in Brooklyn, New York. Like so many other Eastern European Jews, his parents came to the United States to escape the discrimination, segregation, and persecution they experienced because of their religion.

As a short teenager with a small frame, Glogow was no stranger to bigotry. He often ran home from his Los Angeles school to escape beatings and being called anti-Semitic names. He experienced similar persecution from fellow soldiers and officers in the army.

Immediately after his high school graduation, Glogow volunteered for the service to fight the hatred and evil of Hitler's Germany. He served his country in World War II as an infantryman in US Army 12th Armored Division. Glogow twice crossed enemy lines to save the lives of two wounded comrades. He was awarded the Bronze Star for "meritorious achievement in ground combat against the armed enemy," among other military honors.

Glogow was the first in his family to go to college. After the war, he studied public health at UCLA. He later returned for a master's degree to become a public health educator. He got his doctorate at the age of 40 and began teaching and researching at the university level.



Elias "Eli" Glogow

Glogow was an activist — seeking to challenge conservative public health education programs and the stereotypes, bias, and injustice in his community.

Christine, his wife of 24 years, said Glogow will be remembered for his generosity, his kindness, his loyalty, his humility, and his love for his family and community.

"Eli's entire life was devoted to improving the lives of others — through his teaching, his volunteer work and his charity. He touched hundreds of lives and expected nothing in return," she said. "He wanted so much to 'fix' the problems created by hate, ignorance and poverty, and he never lost heart that we could all make a difference."

His family requested that donations be made in his memory to the Southern Poverty Law Center, one of the many charities he generously supported.