

Palestinians in Bethlehem are occupied, walled in, divided from each other, deprived of rights, dispossessed of property. They are cut off from starved, bombed, and traumatized Palestinians in Gaza, who are under a draconian siege. Yet, Palestine survives to proclaim, "We are still here today!"

A Message from Beyond the Wall

by Mazin Qumsiyeh



An angel stencil in Bethlehem by London-based, wall-graffiti artist Banksy who made images on buildings and the Segregation Wall in Palestine.

Editor's Note: Because the Segregation Wall weaves in and out of Palestine, its people have been forced into separation from each other, their own infrastructure, and the world. But the Wall is more than a material object, it is also an invisible shield keeping most Americans from hearing the Palestinian perspective because Washington and the main-stream media favor the occupiers whose policies, military and weapons are supported by U.S. tax dollars. As a result, we are dependent on people-to-people connections to get glimpses beyond this wall. In one of these too rare but precious instances, this past November, Mazin Qumsiyeh gave a talk in Minneapolis, sponsored jointly by Middle East Peace Now and the Middle East Committee of Women Against Military Madness. On returning home to Palestine, he wrote this.

Thumbing its nose at the international community in this holiday season, the Israeli government is going ahead with building thousands of housing units in existing and new Jewish colonization settlements in Bethlehem and Jerusalem areas. After living 29 years in the U.S., it is not easy to be living in the Bethlehem area. Life can be at times hard, exhilarating, depressing, fun, and hopeful. Israel occupied this area in 1967, but the landscape had begun to change well before that. In 1948, Bethlehem became home to thousands of Palestinian refugees after more than 750,000 people were driven from their homes in what became Israel. Palestinians were forbidden to return, and three cramped refugee camps (Dheisheh, Azza, and Aida) add to the local migrants from villages whose lands were taken over.

The 180,000 native Christians and Muslims of Bethlehem are now restricted to development in only 13 percent of the district land. Some 87 percent of our land is now under control by a ring of colonial settlements, military zones, and infrastructure restricted to Israeli occupiers use. Since 2002, we have faced the enormous human costs of a massive, concrete segregation wall. The wall zigzags around Bethlehem, placing fertile Palestinian agricultural lands and most of our water resources on the "Israeli side" and in many cases goes straight through centuries-old villages—separating Palestinian families from each other and from their jobs, hospitals, schools, churches and mosques. The existence of the wall and checkpoints means that many faculty and students can no longer make it to school at

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PM Building Peace out of the World of War

by Polly Mann



Let Us Beat Swords into Plowshares by Russian sculptor Evgeniy Vuchetich, United Nations Art Collection

To begin with — an immediate 50 percent reduction in the military budget followed by an annual 10 percent reduction until the military budget equals the average of European nations' budgets. The Minnesota Arms Spending Alternative (mnasap.org) has been actively working on resolutions to shift federal spending priorities in this direction. The National Priorities Project (nationalpriorities.org) is a good resource for information.

The removal of all U.S. foreign bases throughout the world: This should be received with jubilation in each country. Buildings and equipment unrelated to weaponry would be left standing. The buildings could be used for communities — civic purposes such as community centers, county fairs or schoolhouses, etc. There might be a call for negotiations if a country claimed their land and water had been contaminated, such as at Okinawa, but justice would be served if the U.S. cleaned up the damage it created.

Forbid the use of drones by the military. Restrict use to purposes that benefit people. They could be used for all sorts of exciting purposes to help, not threaten, people — like looking for a lost child or following the path of a storm in order to warn people of its coming.

The removal and destruction of all poison gas facilities: This would, no doubt, have to be

Just how would you go about changing the environment of this country from its present military bias to one promoting peace? The following are some suggestions for de-militarizing in both the U.S. and foreign countries. Other people and organizations, undoubtedly, will have more ideas.

carefully accomplished, but who knows what the building could be used for? Americans are very ingenious and maybe a prize could be offered for the most original use?

The removal of all biological warfare laboratories: These could possibly be used for some sort of medical facility—a path from death to life, some might say.

The removal of all land mines laid by the United States. (At the beginning of this month, the U.S. attended, as an observer, the 12th Conference of the States Parties to the Ottawa Treaty banning landmines held in Geneva. Let's hope citizen pressure from within the U.S., as well as pressure from other countries, finally convinces the U.S. to join other nations as a signatory.)

The decontamination of waters used by the U.S. Navy such as Subic Bay in the Philippines: It would be an enormous task, but if the Great Lakes were brought back to relative good health, why not other places?

The extension of payments to mothers of children fathered by U.S. military men stationed overseas. U.S. military men are able to go on their way without looking back if they desire, yet the women and children can suffer rejection by people in their own country and experience great difficulties. Surely they are owed economic support at the very least.

Restitution payments to other countries and individuals and businesses in this country who have experienced usurpation and destruction of land, and other problems due to the military being in their midst.

Nothing would be complete without retooling the factories manufacturing weapons here in every congressional district. They could be set on a positive path creating American-made items that don't kill and destroy. It could be a great opportunity to create jobs, stimulate our economy, change our dependence on foreign oil and imperial expansion, and instead develop sustainable manufacturing that is better for the environment and people everywhere.

Polly Mann is a co-founder of Women Against Military Madness and a regular contributor and columnist for the WAMM newsletter. She continues to be active with the organization.

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Bethlehem University and our student body has steadily lost its geographic diversity. The biblical and literal path from Nazareth to Bethlehem is blocked by many checkpoints and 30-foot high slabs of concrete.

Many of my relatives lost jobs in Jerusalem or lost livelihoods that depended on the city of which we are a suburb. It is virtually impossible for West Bank Palestinians to obtain permits to enter Jerusalem or for Jerusalemites to engage in commerce with us. Even if one gets a rare permit, checkpoints make travel unpredictable and often impossible, precluding maintaining a decent economy. Unemployment is now at 45 percent nearly twice what it was during the U.S. Great Depression. But we can be thankful that we are not living in Gaza where things are far worse and where just in one week in November of 2012,

Israel attacks killed 191, including 48 children. Yet, the whole area feels like a ticking time bomb.

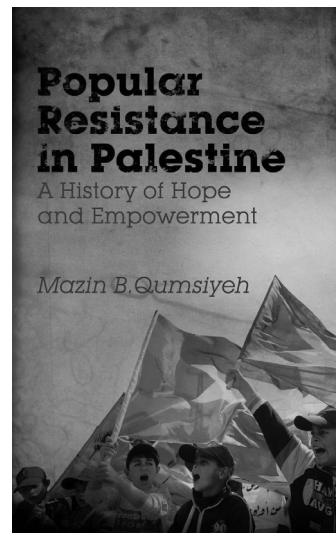
Israel's desire to acquire maximum geography with minimum Palestinian demography is the root of the suffering afflicting the Holy Land. Today there are nearly seven million Palestinian refugees and displaced people. Amnesty International has observed that the "peace processes" failed because Israel has ignored human rights, including the right of native Palestinians to return to their homes and lands. There is now a broad international consensus (with the exceptions of the U.S. and Israeli governments) on the danger to international peace and security posed by Israel's continued violations of human rights and international law. Clearly if one wants peace in the Middle East and beyond, the path starts

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Nidal El-Khairi, a Palestinian illustrator for Electronic Intifada, portrayed the mourning mother of 13-year-old Hamid Younis Amid who was killed by Israeli machine-gun fire while playing soccer in front of his house in Gaza on November 8 at the beginning of Operation Pillar of Defense.

RESOURCES



Popular Resistance in Palestine: A History of Hope and Empowerment a book by Mazin Qumsiyeh

Western media paint Palestinian resistance against Israeli occupation as exclusively violent: armed resistance, suicide bombings, and rocket attacks. In reality, they are the exception to what is a peaceful and creative resistance movement. Read about it here. Available through Mayday Books, Minneapolis, and online at www.plutobooks.com

Break the Bonds

In Minnesota: Palestinians, Jews, Christians, Muslims, students, professionals, parents, community members and allies working together to bring Palestine-centric education to Minnesota in order to promote justice and human rights. mn.breakthebonds.org

U.S. Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation

works to end U.S. support for Israel's occupation of the Palestinian West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem and support a U.S. policy that upholds freedom, justice and equality. endtheoccupation.org



No Hallmark Greeting: Travelers are arrested by the 30-ft. high Segregation Wall and watchtower. Banksy image. Cards with image: ifamericansknew.org

The logic of military and political power dictates that Israel is now building more Jewish settlements and demolishing more Palestinian homes and farms in spite of its obligations under signed agreements and under international law. The Obama administration and Congress (beholden to the pro-Zionist lobby) stand isolated among the community of nations in their support of this apartheid regime.

But we are hopeful because history is not static. Here in Bethlehem, we derive strength from

knowing that previous foreign military occupations came and went including the Roman one that existed in Jesus' time. We derive hope from the fact that the Crusades ended after 130 years of suffering caused by trying to force Palestine to become monolithic. Zionism is also bound to fail in its similar task. We derive hope from thousands of visitors who come every year to show us solidarity. We derive energy from our work for peace with justice. We derive strength from the positive reaction received by churches around the world for the Palestine Kairos document. We derive strength from the growth of the boycotts, divestment, and sanctions movement (ala that implemented against apartheid in South Africa).

In this season celebrating the birth of Jesus, let us all resolve to work for ending racism, occupation, and apartheid. Let us insist on the rights of refugees to return and build a democratic society for the entire people in the Holy Land. **When we succeed, people of all religions (Jews, Christians, and Muslims) and all backgrounds will share this small piece of earth in harmony and peace.**

Professor Mazin Qumsiyeh teaches and does research at Bethlehem and Birzeit Universities in occupied Palestine. He serves as chairman of the board of the Palestinian Center for Rapprochement Between People and coordinator of the Popular Committee Against the Wall and Settlements in Beit Sahour. He blogs at popular-resistance.blogspot.com. His most recent book is "Popular Resistance in Palestine: A History of Hope and Empowerment."

This Way Over the Wall



From the Palestine Wall Project of UK graffiti artist Banksy

Women Against Military Madness: Middle East Committee (Click on Middle East Committee at bottom of worldwidewamm.org site.) provides a more extensive list of resources to take you over the wall beyond the silence, disinformation and misinformation on Palestine. The following are just a few from the list of the resources you will also find there:

- **Popular Resistance**
http://popular-resistance.blogspot.com/
- **Palestinian Centre for Human Rights** pchrgaza.org
- **International Middle East Media Center** imemc.org
- **If Americans Knew** ifamericansknew.org
- **American Muslims for Palestine** ampalestine.org
- **Electronic Intifada** electronicintifada.net
- **The Palestinian Telegraph** paltelegraph.com
- **Anna Balzer** annainpalestine.blogspot.com
- **Mondoweiss** mondoweiss.net

December 2012 WAMM Calendar

Please note that WAMM's provision of information on other group's events is not meant to convey or endorse any action contrary to public policy that would be inconsistent with exempt purposes under Internal Review Code Section 501(c)(3) i.e., charitable purposes.

Ongoing WAMM Vigils for Peace

Vigil to End War:

Every Wednesday, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on the Lake Street/Marshall Avenue Bridge spanning the Mississippi River between Minneapolis and St. Paul. FFI: Call 612-522-1861 or WAMM 612-837-5364.

Vigil to End the Occupation of Palestine: Every Friday, 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. at Summit and Snelling Avenues, St. Paul. FFI: Call WAMM 612-827-5364.

Peace Vigil: Every Tuesday, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. on the Eastside of the Franklin Avenue Bridge, Minneapolis. Sponsored by: Prospect Hill Neighbors for Peace. FFI: 612-379-7398

For information on additional peace vigils in Minnesota and Wisconsin, call the WAMM office at 612-837-5365 or visit www.worldwidewamm.org

Ongoing WAMM Committee Meetings

Board Meeting: Third Tuesday of each month, 6:00 p.m. at WAMM, 4200 Cedar Avenue South, Suite 3, Minneapolis. FFI: Call WAMM 612-827-5364.

Book Club: Third Saturday of each month, 10:00 a.m. FFI and Location: Contact Suzy, 651-451-8627 or suzykoch@comcast.net.

End War Committee: Acting Against War and the Threats of War. First Monday of each month, 5:30 p.m. FFI: Call Marie 612-827-5364.

Ground All Drones.

First Thursdays of every month, 4:30–6:00 p.m. at Cedar Center, 4200 Cedar Ave., Minneapolis

Middle East Committee: Second Monday of each month, 9:30 a.m. at WAMM, 4200 Cedar Avenue South, Suite 3, Minneapolis. FFI: Call WAMM 612-837-5364.

Media Committee:

FFI: E-mail the committee: wammmmedia@gmail.com

WAMM Occupy: FFI: Call WAMM 612-827-5364.

St. Joan of Arc/WAMM Peacemakers: Fourth Tuesday of each month, 7:00–8:00 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc Church, Parish Center, 4537 Third Avenue South, Minneapolis. FFI: Barbara 612-733-4444.

Tackling Torture at the Top (T3): Second Wednesday of each month, 10:00 a.m. at Afro Deli and Coffee, 1939 5th Street South (Riverside and 20th Avenue), Minneapolis.

Ongoing Events

Committee to Stop FBI Repression. Stand with the people subpoenaed in a witch hunt, defend civil liberties. Learn what you can do. All who stand up and act for justice and solidarity are welcome. FFI: See stopfbi.net and mnStopFBI.wordpress.com, or call (612) 379-3585.

People of Faith Peacemakers Breakfast: Second and fourth Wednesdays, 8:00–9:30 a.m. at new location: African Development Center, Riverside and 20th Avenues. A resource and support group for those concerned about peace with justice from a faith perspective. FFI: www.justview-point.org or call 763-784-5177.

Grandmothers for Peace: First Wednesday 12:45 p.m. at Edina Public Library, 5280 Grandview Square, Edina. Program around justice issue that helps us to understand our role in changing unjust systems: FFI: 962-929-1566.

Tea Time Conversational Salons: Most Tuesdays, 6:30–8:30 p.m. at Made Hatter's Teahouse, 9043 West Seventh St., St. Paul. Salons are open to all. Suggestion donations \$3–\$5 includes tea, treats. FFI: 651-227-2511 or 651-227-3288.

Third Thursday Global Issues Forum: 7:00–9:00 p.m. at Hennepin Ave. United Methodist Church, Groveland at Lyndale Ave., Minneapolis. ffi:globalsolutionsmn.org

Middle East Peace Now:

Usually 2nd or 3rd Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. Refreshments, 10:00 a.m. Program. Location may vary. FFI: Call 651-696-1642 or see www.mepn.org

MN 9/11 Truth: Second Tuesday of each month, 6:30–8:30 p.m. at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 285 North Dale Street, St. Paul. Meets to educate and discuss the events of 9/11/2011. FFI: www.mn911truth.org

Dignity, Not Detention Vigil:

Every first Sunday, 2:30–3:00 p.m. at 425 Grove Street (Ramsey County Law Enforcement Center). Vigil for civil immigrant detainees in jail at request of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Sponsored by Interfaith Coalition for Immigration. Advocates for Human Rights and other. FFI: E-mail interfaithonimmigration@gmail.com

Special Events

Candlelight Service for the Children of Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan and Other Child Victims of War: "Out of the Darkness; Into the Light" Friday, December 28, 6:30 p.m. St. Joan of Arc Church, 4537 Third Avenue South, Minneapolis. Join with others in a candlelight service to remember the children, who are always the first victims of war. This year we wish to extend a special invitation for children to participate. In order to better incorporate them into the whole program, the children's portion of the program will occur early on in the service, followed by supervised childcare downstairs if they do not wish to sit through the remainder of the service. Please bring your children and grandchildren! Organized by: the Twin Cities Peace Campaign—Focus on Iraq (TCPC). Co-Sponsored by: WAMM. FFI: Call Marie, 612-522-1861.

Opening Day Protest at the MN State Capitol: Tuesday, January 8, 11:30 until 1:00 p.m. MN State Capitol – Front steps & Rotunda Gather at 11:30 to greet the legislators on their way in. Rally starts around noon. This is the day the MN politicians start back at the Capitol. Let's be there as they arrive to tell them "Raise the Welfare Grants! No More Cuts! Tax the Rich!"

Anti-War Book Club:

Drone Warfare Saturday, January 12th at 2:00 p.m. at Mayday Books, 301 Cedar Ave. S. Minneapolis (Below Midwest Mountaineering). Drones are the new face of U.S. warfare, yet many of us are not well acquainted with this technology. Come learn, discuss Medea Benjamin's new book *Drone Warfare: Killing by Remote Control*. Cookies and coffee. Everyone invited to participate or just to come and learn. Get your copy of the book from May Day books at 15% off! Organized by the Anti-War Committee. Co-Sponsored by Mayday Books. FFI: 612-379-3899.

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Honor Veterans! Stop Making Them!

by Anne Winkler-Morey

Author's Note: From June 2011 to August 2012 my partner David and I rode our bicycles 12,200 miles, from our home in Minneapolis around the perimeter of the United States. On the trip we observed a puzzling contradiction. People overwhelmingly oppose the current wars, yet young people are still signing up to "serve." What follows are thoughts on how this works in my own hometown and the hundreds of urban and rural communities we cycled through.

Minneapolis is an antiwar town. The Minneapolis City Council has just passed a resolution which calls for a shift in federal spending priorities away from war to, instead, local essential needs.* But youth going to a football game here receive a much louder message: The stadium in downtown Minneapolis displays mega-sized banners of the Minnesota National Guard in full military gear, draped next to giant portraits of Minnesota football heroes. All banners are framed in Viking purple and gold. The message to young people: The best way to serve our state is to sign up for war.

Connecting war with team spirit and athletic heroes is effective advertising. There are other less obvious ways of sending the message to new generations that going to war is the best way to serve their communities. One way is to glorify past wars. This is more effective in smaller towns than in larger cities.

Minneapolis does have its war monuments. Lucia Wilkes Smith, former director of Women Against Military Madness, took me to see Hennepin County's World War I Memorial not far from her home. The seemingly endless rows of trees and stones, one for every soldier, are a graphic reminder of the sheer numbers of men, and a few women, who served during the Great War. For Lucia it firms her resolve to work for peace. For others it probably reinforces support for the U.S. military. This is, after all, "Victory Memorial Parkway," not "All Quiet on the Western Front Boulevard."

But for most Minneapolitans the memorial, with its paved paths and mile of green space, is just a good place to ride a bike, see a band, or play Frisbee.

In many of the small towns we visited during our cycling journey, however, war memorials speak louder to young people. The memorial bridge or road that forms the main artery into town is festooned with Army, Navy, and Marines flags. Memorial statues are located in the center of the only park in town. The



*Photo: David Winkler-Morey
Anne Winkler-Morey pedaled more than 12,000 miles in quest of the real issues facing Americans.*

memorial is the place people gather for sports or other occasions, and to simultaneously venerate soldiers past, present, and future.

In the South we noted that many of these central memorials are "To the Unknown Confederate Soldier." Cycling into Edenton, North Carolina, we were struck by such a statue, situated in the center of town, surrounded by state and U.S. flags. The main café, a few steps from the statue, is decorated with photos and paintings celebrating local military "heroes" from the Confederacy to the war in Afghanistan, connecting the past to current wars.

Young people in Edenton inspired to join the army don't have to go far to see where they might be training. They can visit Jacksonville, North Carolina, a city of approximately 70,000 adjacent to Camp Lejeune military base, where every establishment caters to soldiers.

Jacksonville is the most youthful city in the United States, full of young Marine families.

When we were there, in October 2011, they were getting ready for Halloween, Oktoberfest, and a community fundraiser to cure muscular dystrophy. Everyone seemed to be trying to outdo the other with signs proclaiming support for the troops. The Super 8 hotel where we stayed was serving free ribs and beer for the mostly military clientele. Young men not old enough to drink were grabbing two Buds and climbing into their rooms through the windows while hotel personnel smiled indulgently.

Reading the Marine Corps paper in Jacksonville one might conclude that Lejeune is a summer camp or training center for soccer-playing clinic builders. The October 2011 issue had stories

WORD UP!

Show Me The Money

Military cash compensation jumped 52 percent overall compared to 24 percent for the private sector workforce between 2002 to 2010, the CBO (Congressional Budget Office) report said active-duty servicemembers earn base pay, and are entitled to additional money to compensate for housing and food expenses.... The military appropriation for each active-duty servicemember has reached just over \$100,000, CBO reported.

— *The Dayton Daily News*,
December 1, 2012

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NOT GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH

Overall, there were estimated excesses of 17,023,491 ambulatory visits, 66,768 hospitalizations, and 634,720 hospital bed days during the war period relative to that expected based on pre-war experience.... The illness/injury-specific category of mental disorders was the single largest contributor to the total estimated excesses of ambulatory visits, hospitalizations, and bed days. The total health care burdens associated with the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq are undoubtedly greater than those enumerated in this report because this analysis did not address care delivered in deployment locations or at sea....

—*Medical Surveillance Monthly Report, Armed Forces Health Surveillance Center, November 2012, Volume 19, Number 11*

WELL-PLACED FRIENDS

Huge campaign contributions and the intentional placement of defense industry facilities in nearly every congressional district ensures the collaboration of elected officials.

—*The Military Industrial Complex, Occucards: Exposing and Opposing the Corporate State*
www.occucards.com

INSIDE JOBS

Canny weapons manufacturers have assembled sub-contractors in every state, e.g. the F-22 had a thousand of them in 42 states. Supporters now even advertise their weapons programs as a jobs program. (Just imagine if all those smart workers were rebuilding America's crumbling infrastructure instead.)

—*ConservativesforPeace.com*

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Statue of "The Unknown Confederate Soldier," flanked by Confederate and U.S. flags, Edenton, North Carolina

about Marines constructing hospitals and schools in Latin America, an MRI machine on its way to Helmand Province, and the local soccer game between Marines and Jacksonville teens. But the sounds of bombs bursting in air as we rode out of town, and a flashing sign: "*WARNING Military exercise when lights are flashing: Watch for thick smoke, low visibility on freeway*" reminded us of the real purpose of this base.

On an individual level it is understandable that so many young people throughout the country—especially in small towns—would join the military. Even if they are not convinced that it is the way to become a community hero, it is often the only job they can find. For people in towns where the one timber, brass, steel, or tobacco mill has closed down, joining the military is—ironically—the only way to keep the family at home. This overwhelming economic incentive, combined with the war-selling machine, is what perpetuates the production of new soldiers for future wars in rural areas that today provide the highest percentage of recruits.

That is why it is so important to measure and speak loudly of the cost of wars to local communities. For base towns like Jacksonville the glorification of violence must create psychic dissonance not just for soldiers but also for their

children. Consider these two excerpts from local publications in Jacksonville:

Jacksonville Daily News, "Surviving on the Battlefield" (October 21, 2011):

A tour of Camp Lejeune's new infantry immersion trainer is like a visit to an elaborate theme park – albeit one set in Afghanistan, with piped-in smells of rotting flesh and burning wood, booby trapped with black powder explosive.

An authentic Afghan village, from the dirt covering the floors to the prayer call sounding overhead, the \$20 million 3,200 square foot facility is a jaw-dropping novelty.

Rotovu, the official weekly of Lejeune Marine Corps Base, "Ask the Expert" advice column, response to a question about getting kids to stop fighting (October 22, 2011):

It is never too early to teach children that violence is not an acceptable problem-solving method.

Well, on that the "Expert" and I agree, but to do so we need to stop sending children and youth the double messages about the honorableness of violence. In addition, we have to find a way to build sustainable peacetime economies, especially in small, formerly one-industry communities. The first step is to do what the Minneapolis City Council has resolved: stop the wars and transfer funds to local needs, then we will have the funds to invest in these communities.

The question still remains: How do we meet the needs of veterans and remember past wars without sending more young people the message that joining the army is the way to become a hero? I put this question to Jim Northrup, author of *Anishinaabe Syndicated* and columnist for *The Circle*, a Native American newspaper in Minnesota. Jim often writes about his experience in Vietnam and as a veteran and he and his wife Pat make regular pilgrimages to the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C.

He said: "The Vietnam memorial has 55,000 names. I would depict 55,000 families crying. No one would ever go to war again." Then he added: "The best way to honor veterans is to stop making them."

Anne Winkler-Morey teaches history and ethnic studies at Metro State University. She is writing a book titled Turtle Road, about the bike trip. She can be reached at winkl002@umn.edu.

Announcements

From the Board of Directors:

We applaud the contributions of our dedicated staff and are sad to announce their resignations.

Director Kim Doss-Smith is leaving the WAMM staff to teach nursing and work with Folkways at Murphy's Landing in Shakopee. WAMM thanks Kim for three years as director with her special background on counter recruitment in schools, and for her hard work organizing and moving of the WAMM office to the 4200 Cedar Avenue location.

WAMM office manager Vanessa Lawrow has been planning a professional move for many months, taking courses for work in the field of education. She is ending her eighth year of managing WAMM's day-to-day operation. We thank Vanessa for keeping the office running smoothly assisting with meetings and events.

We wish them well in their new endeavors.

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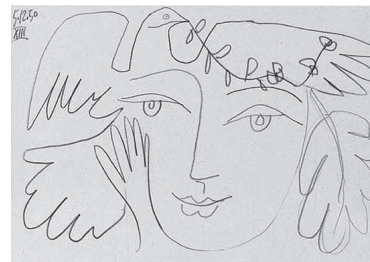
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