

## On the Side

Newsletter sidebars...

### Not Going to Party

The League of Women Voters is withdrawing its sponsorship of the presidential debate scheduled for mid-October because the demands of the two campaign organizations would perpetrate a fraud on the American voter. It has become clear to us that the candidates' organizations aim to add debates to their list of campaign-trail charades devoid of substance, spontaneity and honest answers to tough questions. The League has no intention of becoming an accessory to the hoodwinking of the American public.

—press release, the League of Women Voters, 1988. They have not returned to sponsorship since.

### Peace & Justice Awards to John and Marie Braun and Steve Clemens



Congratulations to these amazing peace and justice advocates and WAMM members (who also conduct their work through several other organizations, making connections that keep the whole peace movement strong) for recognition we know they so richly deserve because of decades of profound dedication. Steve Clemens is the recipient of the 2012 Vincent L. Hawkinson Honorary Peace and Justice Award to recognize a lifetime contribution to the causes of peace and justice. The 2012 Minnesota Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR) Award will be given to Marie and John Braun.

### Catching a Red Herring

Netanyahu's hyperbolic claims about the alleged Iranian threat at the United Nations served its purpose: it has focused media attention on Iran, rather than Israel's violation of more than three dozen UN Security Council resolutions.

—Stephen Zunes, September 2012, Al Jazeera and CBS interviews

### Hidden in Plain Sight

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) report made public recently reveals that Iran has actually reduced the amount of 20-percent enriched uranium available for any possible “breakout” to weapons-grade enrichment over the last three months rather than increasing it. Contrary to the impression conveyed by most news media coverage . . .

—Gareth Porter, Inter Press Service, September 2012

### Death by U.S. Drones

From June 2004 through mid-September 2012, drone strikes killed 2,562-3,325 people in Pakistan. 474-881 were civilians, including 176 children... 1,228- 1,362 individuals were injured.

—The Bureau of Investigative Journalism