

# Guest Editorial Bond's Broadcast

Hiroshima, Nagasaki, and Tehran  
By Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss

This week the words of Wendell Berry come to mind: "We concluded in 1945, after our atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, that we had made war unthinkable... and we have gone on thinking of it, preparing for it, fighting it, suffering and profiting from it ever since." Who would have imagined, in the midst of a disastrous war in Iraq, that we would be in such desperate need of remembering Hiroshima and Nagasaki? After war is a dirty, destructive and incredibly costly... win or lose.

And yet, according to former chief UN weapons inspector Scott Ritter, "the war between the United States and Iran is a proposal," which includes language that sounds an awful lot like a unilateral naval blockade of Iran - deemed by the UN to constitute an act of war unless sanctioned by a Security Council resolution. And in case you missed it, Congress already approved \$2 billion to fund a major escalation of covert operations against Iran (which may include a major air attack and nuclear option).

Initially dismissed by the American public as absurd and implausible, war with Iran remains an abiding concern to those closest to the Bush administration. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates has long favored talks with Iran while strongly discouraging military action. In an off-the-record lunch meeting with the Democratic caucus in the Senate, one senator recalled that Secretary Gates warned of the consequences of a "pre-emptive strike on Iran, saying 'We create generations of jihadis, and our grandchildren will be battling our enemies here in America.' Admiral Fallon, described by Esquire magazine as the only thing standing between the Bush Administration and war with Iran, resigned from his role as Commander of the U.S. Central Command, citing complications with the administration. Meanwhile, the grand old man of American State - Colin Powell, Henry Kissinger, James Baker, Warren Christopher, and Madeline Albright - recently urged the U.S. to open a line of dialogue with Iran. "One has had to deal with adversaries," said Kissinger.

In January, Kissinger joined Sam Nunn, George Shultz, and William Perry to call for the global elimination of nuclear weapons. The elephant in the room, of course, is what Mohamed El-Baradei, head of the IAEA, calls "the unworkable notion that it is morally reprehensible for some countries to possess nuclear weapons but morally acceptable for others to rely on them." Even if most Americans agree that Iran should not have a nuclear weapon, we've surrendered the moral high ground with our cache of thousands of nuclear warheads, which we maintain to the tune of \$16 billion annually. In May, 700 Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, and Muslim groups joined together to oppose the Bush administration's plans to reactivate the U.S. nuclear weapons infrastructure and launch a new nuclear plant in Yucca. These people of faith agree that the manufacture and use of nuclear weapons is ultimately a spiritual failure and rising up from under the shadow of nuclear weapons will require political and moral courage.

Thankfully, members of Congress are slowly withdrawing their support under the pressure of Americans requesting yet another rush to war. A progressive strike with the purpose of preventing the development of a nuclear Iran might be the legacy that Bush seeks, but it would be catastrophic for our nation and our grandchildren. And among military dissident groups who oppose to the Iranian government in a covert operation fund-raising by the very strategy used to arm dangerous warlords in Afghanistan.

As we round the bend on yet another anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the question remains: When will we learn that guns, nukes, and war don't deliver a more secure world?

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# OPINION Bond's Broadcast

Watermelon seeds... A few weeks ago we saw the beginnings of a plant in our front flower bed and we kind of wondered what it was.

Over time the leafy plant grew and we took care of it from the left side of our front yard sprawling in every direction. The plant leaves continued to grow to immense proportions and at first we thought we were growing some pumpkins. Of course over time we realized these were really not pumpkins, dashing our hopes at least Beth's and mine of having the start of a West Main Street pumpkin farm. We had talked for hours on the front porch as the Bug played with bottles of bubble soap and the bubble machine about how we would charge \$2 per pumpkin and split the profits.

One of the real things we have found is that growing wild watermelon, requires no special background or expertise. We haven't had to ask Mike Phillips for advice. We have had phone calls, and emails from people who are really for fertilizer. All we really had to do - and I take personal responsibility - was scrape watermelon seeds from a couple paper plates. When it comes to the trash and the rest was filed away in mind. Imagine our surprise when

way past proportions you would ever imagine. Let me give you an example. I have been fortunate enough to meet and talk with President Obama and we have also dined with Sen. Wendell Ford, who was also of course a member of the cabinet. From there, which was a degree, look at how many people we were growing some pumpkins. It is remarkable to consider some of the people I have so fortunate to meet on a first degree basis. Those include movie stars, elected officials like Martha Byrne, Billina, Paul Patton, Ernie Fletcher, Steve Beaber, Mitch McConnell and entertainers like Garth Brooks, Jerry Rogers, Neil Carter and many more. I have met the Champ. I have met Johnny Bench. I even had the lifetime opportunity to talk to and interview Adolph Rupp and Joe B. Hall.

When I watched the six dig for the Clinton background in Toyota Motor Corporation in Tokyo, Japan. How many people, since Mr. Cho is only one degree removed, do you figure he knows outside the United States? What it means is this whole process is like growing something. You plant it, it germinates, grows and then comes out. Before long it has gone out.

As I watched the story I began to understand that the concept of the survey was to count personal contacts, phone calls, and emails to determine how many links it has to other people in the world. At least, maybe, in the United States. When it comes to this whole process is like growing something. You plant it, it germinates, grows and then comes out. Before long it has gone out.

Manly too has met people that would be second degree to me as have my children. And so, for another week, thanks are thirty.

# Steve's Report

Some of the guys I work with are true adrenaline junkies, real thrill-seekers who can't get enough excitement in their lives. Most have been to Iraq two or three times and can't wait to go back. They love jumping out of airplanes, or anything else that gets their heart pumping.

Part of me is a little jealous of these free-spirited individuals. By nature, I am a rule-follower than a rebel. I tend to be happy with the way things are, and when things are well-planned and carried out smoothly, I am content. So when I hear the way they talk about their latest adventures, their excitement is contagious. I can't help wishing I had the guts, the money, and the daring to go out and try some of those things.

There are certain adventures that I don't know, though. It certainly is cheaper. Those other guys have to pay at least \$150 for a single parachute jump in order to satisfy their need for excitement. All I have to do is see two overlapping events on my daily calendar, and I am set. As with any move, we all ended up with a large collection of things we thought were "good bargains".

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# Veloz Viewpoints

Greetings from Nevada! I hope you're all having a great week.

What an amazing week. It just goes to show that as the fog gets older, the more fun we are going to have. We were very excited to see the sun and clear skies. We were very excited to see the sun and clear skies. We were very excited to see the sun and clear skies.

As it turns out, our worries were for nothing. Ben and I went up to take a day before the rest of his family. We stayed in a cabin and we had a picnic lunch and then took a short walk up the side of the hill with the kids. They each brought back a pinecone which we used for a little of our food and camping gear.

We arrived at the lake on Thursday. We set up our tent and then took the kids down to the water. They had done so well the other trip. They slept in the car some and the rest of the time they sat in their seats and listened or played and laughed and talked. It really was a fun trip.

After they played down by the lake for a while we went back to the campsite. Ben just relaxed and let them play for a while. We made hot dogs for dinner and had some chips and cookies. Then we took it after it was off to bed. But not before some

around Ben's parents' cabin, we went out to go fishing. The kids got into fishing this time and they did great. They sat on the ground near the water. They thought that was great. When Ben pulled out the first fish, he was with Antonio's help that was when the fun began.

Attendance at all sessions is strongly encouraged. Realizing that most adults have responsibilities related to family and work, attendance is not mandatory. The student will find that the more regular they are in attendance, the more quickly they will move through the curriculum and finish their required course work.

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# Nicholas County Schools' Second Chance Program

New program offered by Nicholas County Schools

Nicholas County residents who left school without earning their diploma will have a second chance to become high school graduates through a new program being offered by the Nicholas County Schools. The Second Chance Program provides adults who lack a high school diploma the opportunity to complete the required course work to be awarded a diploma from the Nicholas County Schools. This program is an integral component of the public school system and provides a means of improving the community and the lives of its citizenry by providing an opportunity to earn a high school diploma.

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# Talkin' From The Mountains

McCaïn and his followers resort to lies and dirty politics.

Republican readers want to know why I keep emphasizing the Email lies and personal attacks on Obama and never mention the Email lies and personal attacks on Obama.

There's a very good reason. There are no Email lies and personal attacks on Obama being distributed to millions across the internet. Obama is being savaged on the web while McCaïn and his followers are taking the low road.

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McCaïn is getting much more media attention than Karl Rove who is known as the unsavory master of dirty politics. Obama is smearing McCaïn when he challenged George W. Bush in a primary election. But attack dogs have also joined McCaïn's campaign.

McCaïn's latest television commercial ranks right up there with the most despicable cable ads ever. Obama is an ad of all time - typical Karl Rove type production. In this ad, McCaïn's campaign is linked to Obama with Paris Hilton and Britney Spears and claims that Obama "says hell raise taxes on electricity." That's a lie. Obama's campaign has breaks for the very rich per

truth. Don't believe the terrible lies about Obama being a communist, a socialist, and a Muslim. Unfortunately many people don't check to see what the candidates say. Evidence of that? Incredibly, there are millions of people who still believe the Republican lie that Obama is a Muslim.

It takes organization to send out tens of millions of phony Emails and after that, it is certain that scores of websites appear almost instantly to help Obama's campaign. It is not the work of individuals acting on their own. It is the work of Obama or someone or organization is bankrolling the dirty tricks

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