Omni/C.A.T. Connections

Omni C.A.T. Forum Schedule:

Tuesdays, April 17, 6:00 p.m. ("The Invisible Children" Forum - Three Fayetteville High School students discuss why they took on the School to Schools Project to help save the children of Uganda. The film "The Invisible Children" is aired as part of the forum. Produced by Moshe and Hamsa Newmark, this is a forum that you don't want to miss).

Thursdays, April 19, 6:00 p.m. ("The Invisible Children" Forum)

Saturday, April 21, 2:00 p.m. ("The Invisible Children" Forum)

Free Speech TV (FSTV) sponsored by Omni - 3:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - FSTV: the world's largest collection of alternative TV and numerous ideas for organizing, protesting, celebrating, researching, investigating, speaking, raising hell.

www.freespeechtv.com

Democracy NOW with Amy Goodman: Daily 7:00 a.m., Sundays 6:00 p.m. From Amy Goodman, we hear the news that will never be reported in the mainstream media.

Omni Book Samplers: Book Samplers give a five minute book report or read a five minute excerpt from a book. Omni Book Samplers include Dick Bennett, Jon Zimmer, Mendy Knott, Tom Kennedy

Short Takes: Taping at C.A.T.

New Taping Schedule:

Every Monday night, from 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., C.A.T. will be doing Short Takes live. This will be a great opportunity for time sensitive material, live entertainment, or anything else that is expressive.

For the folks who don't want to go on camera live, you can still record your short take from 6:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m Mondays, and on Tuesdays from 12 noon - 1:30 p.m. Both the live and recorded short takes will air the following week as usual. If anyone has any comments or questions, please feel free to contact C.A.T.

Viewing Times: 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m.

Omni News and Current Events featured on Short Takes:

Presented by Cliff Hughes, Dick Bennett

Programming on Other Channels Worth Checking Out:

"America at a Crossroads" series, hosted by Robert MacNeil, Sundays, April 15-April 20, 8:00 p.m. - Challenges confronting the world post-9/11. AETN
"Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room," Tuesday, April 24, 9:00p.m. - How execs. stole over a billion dollars. AETN

Bill Moyers, "Buying the War," Wednesday, April 25, 8:00p.m. - How the media were complicit in shaping the public for war. AETN

-APRIL IS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH-

--April 17, Tuesday is the deadline for Americans to file their tax returns - post offices across the United States stay open until midnight.
--April 18, Wednesday, 5:15p.m., Peace and Justice Heroes Committee Meeting, Karen Kimsrey's, For more information, contact Gladys Tiffany 973-9049 or Melanie Dietzel 442-8600
--April 19, Thursday, Omni Steering Committee Meeting, United Campus Ministries, 902 W. Maple, Fayetteville (5:30p.m.: Potluck, 6:00p.m. Business Meeting)
--April 21 and 28, Saturdays, Omni Table at Farmers' Market - Once again Omni will have an information table at the Fayetteville Farmer's Market on Saturday Mornings. We always have plenty of information to share, petitions to sign. What we need are volunteers to staff the table. If you can give an hour or two of your time to spread the word about peace, justice and saving our planet, please contact Melanie Dietzel 442-8600 or melaniedietzel@cox.net

--April 21, Saturday, Springfest on Dickson Street, Fayetteville. - You Don't Want to Miss It!

Omni will once again have the Omni Folk Stage in the Walton Arts Center Rose Garden. This is the day for Omni's maximum public exposure. We are still looking for volunteers to help share our vision with our neighbors. One of our exhibits is a "Global Warming Survival Maze" to discover the extraordinarily large amount of CO2 that we are all personally contributing, and, how to cut it down. You can find the answers to three simple questions and receive a package of free Compact Florescent Bulbs along with instructions on how to recycle them. We have lots of other elements as well--the sound system will be powered by on site solar collectors. There will be a children's tent, lots of tables from other organizations, and displays. We need several refrigerator boxes. We will need LOTS of hands on the 21st. For more information on how you can get involved, contact Jamie Ulick 442-0573 or jamesulick@aol.com

--April 22, Sunday, 1-5 p.m., Earth Day Celebration, World Peace Wetland Prairie - Join us for a lovely spring afternoon of planting, clearing and weeding and enjoy the beauty of the butterfly garden. The Town Branch Neighborhood Association, Audubon Arkansas, Ozark Headwaters Group of Sierra Club, Omni Center for peace, Justice and Ecology present Earth Day Celebration. There will be Celtic Music, Family Fun, and Guided Nature Walks. Bring a picnic (and a blanket or lawn chair). Get Down and Dirty (bring gloves and clippers). Plant seeds; watch wildlife. For more information visit: www.aubunique.com, www.ar.audubon.org, www.omnicenter.org or call 479-444-6072 or email aubreyshepherd@hotmail or ffree@audubon.org

--April 22, 2007, Earth Day, 6:30 P.M. - Video Underground: WHO KILLED THE ELECTRIC
CAR?
In 1996, electric cars began to appear on roads all over California. They were quiet and fast, produced no exhaust and ran without gasoline...Ten years later, these cars were destroyed. This Documentary chronicles the life and mysterious death of the GM EV1, examining its cultural and economic ripple effects and how they reverberated through the halls of government and big business. Starring Ed Begley Jr. and Phyllis Diller. 2006. 92 min

Video Underground shows FREE political, social, and current event videos every second and fourth Sunday of the month at 6:30 pm. These movies are shown at the OMNI CENTER FOR PEACE, JUSTICE, AND ECOLOGY located at 902 W. Maple in Fayetteville, on the main floor of the Presbyterian and Disciples United Campus Ministry.
Visit us: http://www.northwest-ark.com/vu/

--April 23, Monday, 6:30p.m., M11 Committee Meeting (Veterans Support Action) - The meeting will be in the Annex of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fayetteville, 901 W. Cleveland across Storer from UUFF Parking lot. If you are interested in being a member of this committee, please join us at this meeting. For more information, please contact Greg Moore 841-2855 or greg@blockstreetandbuilding.com

--April 26, Thursday, 7:00p.m., Climate Change: Despair and Empowerment Roadshow with John Seed, Fayetteville - The OMNI Center for Peace, Justice and Ecology, for the second year, is sponsoring John Seed's visit to Fayetteville, Arkansas. John Seed is an internationally known advocate of protecting the Earth, the founder of the Rainforest Information Centre in Australia and a talented writer, speaker and singer of songs on conservation of habitat for human beings and all living things worldwide. Since 1981, he has produced five albums of environmental songs and several videos.
This year's event is to be at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 224 N. East Avenue, at the intersection of Dickson Street and East Avenue in Fayetteville. Admission is free. Donations are appreciated at the event. Seed's 2006 lecture and concert in Fayetteville is scheduled for broadcast on the Cable Access Channel (channel 18 on Cox Cable) in Fayetteville during April. For listings, please call 444-3436 or go online to http://www.catfayetteville.com/schedule/index.html
The following Seed broadcasts were listed as of 4/11/2007: 1:00 p.m. Monday, April 16; Noon Friday, April 20, 2007

--April 30, Monday, Medea Benjamin Visit - Co-founder of Global Exchange and Code Pink Peace Organization will be on the University of Arkansas Campus on Monday, April 30 to facilitate a workshop and the lecture in the evening. For more information, times and locations, please contact Stephen Coger at omniua@uark.edu

--May 6, Sunday, 7:00p.m., Omni Open MIC for Peace, Deep End of United Campus Ministries, 902 W. Maple, Fayetteville, AR - This will be the last open mic of the season. Bring your poems and songs, or other poets' or songwriters' works about Peace, Social Justice or Ecology.
--May 20, Sunday 6:30p.m., HOWL (Her Words Out Loud), at Nightbird Books, 557 S. School, #103, Fayetteville. - HOWL: Women’s Open Mic happens the third Sunday of each month at Nightbird Bookstore. At HOWL, women are invited to read poems (their own or another woman writer’s), share short prose or sing at an open mic forum hosted by Mendy Knott. So come read, sing or play your work to a really receptive audience. It's a great place to “try out” new work, shares your masterpieces, or read for the very first time. Men and women are warmly invited to attend this celebration of women’s words. Nightbird Books is located in the old mill buildings at the corner of School and 6th ST. Their phone number is 443-2080. Reading starts at 6:30 but come early to sign up to read, browse the books and enjoy the good company. For HOWL questions or to join our mailing list, email howl@herwords.org. HOWL is a collaboration between Herwords and Omni, supported Nightbird Books in Fayetteville, AR.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS---UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

--April 17 and 18, Tuesday and Wednesday, The U.S. Green Building Council Convention - The U.S. Green Building Council Arkansas Chapter will hold its fifth annual Sustainable Arkansas Convention and Expo at the Hammons Convention Center at Rogers. Featured speakers will include:
- Ray Anderson, founder of Interface Inc. of Atlanta.
- Bob Berkebile, founding principal of BNIM Architects of Kansas City, Mo., founding member of USGBC and LEED rating standards
- Kim Shinn, principal in TLC Engineers' Nashville, Tenn., division Randall Stout, president of Randall Stout Architects Inc. in Los Angeles
- The program contains three tracks: commercial green building, residential green building and public awareness.
- Last year’s conference in Little Rock attracted more than 300 attendees and 50 vendors. The general public can attend the public awareness track and tradeshow for $10. Other prices range from $40 for students to $175 for general attendees.

--April at Wattle Hollow Retreat Center: April 20 - 29th Ten-day Vipassana Retreat with Michael Freeman
This is a wonderful opportunity to dive deeper into your practice! Michael speaks right from the heart, has shared his insights at I.M.S., Esalon, his own retreat center in MN (Southwest Sangha), in universities and prisons. You may attend any portion of this retreat. Cost: $30/day includes meals and lodging. It is traditional to offer “dana” to the teacher at the end of the retreat. Go to wattlehollow.com for registration/information, or contact joyfoxwath@aol.com 479-225-2381

--April 24, Tuesday, "Restore Humanity" wine/dinner fundraiser at Bordinos April 24. - All proceeds to Masizame Children's Shelter in South Africa. Tickets $150. Founded by Sarah Fennel

--April 26, Thursday, Annual Community Access Television FAT CAT Awards
May 1, Tuesday, 8:00 p.m. Candlelight Vigil for Workers' Rights - Sponsored by the Workers Justice Center, the vigil will be held from 8-9 p.m. in Murphy Park, Springdale, Arkansas.

May 5, Saturday, 6:00 p.m., "India Live: Indian Culture and Cuisine," John Q. Hammons Center in Rogers. Proceeds to benefit the Hindu Association of NWA. Tickets $50. Ph. 631-6429; 203-0427.

April 4 and 5, Friday and Saturday, Springdale, AR, Cinco De Mayo Celebration - The Hispanic Women's Organization of Arkansas (HWOA) is proud to announce their 8th Annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration to be held on May 4-5, 2007 at the Jones Center for Families in Springdale. The festival theme reflects our motto, "Celebrating Education, Culture and Community." Proceeds benefit the HWOA Scholarship Fund.

Since 2000, the HWOA Scholarship fund has awarded 98 scholarships to Hispanic students in the community. Our goal is to increase college enrollment opportunities for Hispanic students.

HWOA is a non-profit organization founded in July 1999, by a group of Hispanic women and is affiliated with the National Council of La Raza. HWOA engages in events that reflect its mission to advance educational opportunities for Hispanic women and their families, to celebrate and teach others about our culture, and to become active participants within the community.

The two-day Cinco de Mayo/ celebration at the Jones Center for Families in Springdale is a community event, free to the public, with live music, folkloric dance performances, cultural education workshops, food, vendors, children's activities and exhibits. This year will be the eighth anniversary of this family oriented festival, which gives local performers the opportunity to showcase their talents.

Friday, May 4th, will feature Cultural Education Workshops for area school students. An opening ceremony scheduled for 6:00 p.m. will have a flag presentation by Boy Scout Troop 48, a proclamation by Jerre VanHoose, and remarks from community leaders. Performances, cultural presentations and live music will continue until 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 5th, will be full of fun, culture, and artistic performances. The program starts at 1:00 PM and will include Mariachi music, and traditional folk dances from different Latin American countries and live music with Latin rhythms will close the night. For more information, contact 479-751-9494, hwoa@jcf.jonesnet.org or visit www.hwoa.org.

May 9-12, 2007 Sacred Activism the Power of Inclusion, an international conference in Tulsa, OK. The goal of this weekend is to create new ways to make our lives more authentic, integrated, and passionate. The purpose is to build community. Together, we can transform our lives and change our world!

Register today at: https://www.wisdomuniversity.org/sacred-activism-index.html

May 13 Sunday, Sunday, 2:00 p.m., The Passion, Pain, Politics, and Power of Motherhood - Please join us at Nature's Water Building, 275 E. Huntsville Road, Fayetteville, AR on Mother's Day. This is a celebration for anyone who has ever known a mother or been a mother, lives on mother earth or believes in the Cosmic Mother.

Call for performers: We wish to include original works from musicians/singers, dancers, comedians, poets, storytellers, and visual artists. Please submit proposals to Vick Kelley, 479-521-8562 e-mail: vjkelley@peoplepc.com no later than April 30, 2007. Produced by The Mother's Day Coalition: Goddess Productions; OMNI Center for Peace, Justice, and Ecology; HOWL (Herwords Outloud); Beyond Words; Soap & Vick Events.
--May 16 - 17, 2007 Building a Culture of Peace Conference, Santa Fe, New Mexico - Please join The Peace Company at this exciting conference. Louise Diamond, author of The Peace Book:108 Simple Ways to Make a More Peaceful World is the design coordinator for this conference. Join plenary speakers, Arun Gandhi, and Nobel Laureates Rigoberta Menchu Tum, Jody Williams, and H.H. the Dalai Lama (by video) in a 2 day inquiry on How we can build a culture of peace in our society. For more information go to www.santafepeace.org.

--June 3, Sunday. Little Rock Capital Pride Event - This is the their third annual event at the River Market Pavilions. LRCP would like to draw from the ENTIRE state and is looking for groups, entertainers, vendors, advertisers and sponsors that would like to participate. For more information, please contact Joe LaFountaine joe@lrcpride.org or visit http://lrcpride.org

WHAT'S GOING ON?---CURRENT EVENTS

LOCALLY:

LOCAL IMPEACH FOR PEACE RALLY BEING ORGANIZED

An Impeach for Peace Rally is being tentatively scheduled for April 30th at 12 noon to 1 p.m. on campus. Omni UA has Medea Benjamin coming to campus that day and we are waiting for her reply as to whether she will speak at such a rally. She is a founder of Code Pink and of Global Exchange, which has endorsed the impeachment coalition of ImpeachNow.org. Still on the Hill has agreed to play music, potentially Neil Young’s song ”Let’s Impeach the President“. If anyone else has any suggestions or would like to contribute music, speech or poetry please contact Abel Tomlinson, President of Impeach for Peace UA at atomlin@uark.edu. For more information on impeachment, visit http://www.impeachforpeace.org/evidence/

ANNUAL COMMUNITY ACCESS TELEVISION FAT CAT AWARDS VIDEO FESTIVAL

Have you produced a show on C.A.T. that you thought was a winner? Have you watched a show that you think deserves recognition? Nominations for the Annual FAT CAT Awards are open.

All entries will be aired on Saturdays during April. Winners will be announced at the Fat Cat Awards on April 26, 2007

SCIENCE CENTER PLANNED FOR NORTHWEST ARKANSAS

A major new science center, Science Springs, is being planned for Northwest Arkansas. Your thoughts and opinions will help shape the experience future visitors will have at the Center. Randy Carney,

Honors intern student leader at the University of Arkansas, is working on surveys regarding the Science Springs project.

Your assistance is requested for helping to disseminate this survey to two groups within travel distance of Benton and Washington counties: 1) science teachers and 2) parents. Please access the survey through www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=520393437798 and complete it from a personal, not professional, interest as parent and community member.

GLOBAL WARMING PRESENTATION OFFERED BY DR. ART HOBSON
Retired physics professor Dr. Art Hobson has worked up a 60-minute PowerPoint presentation on global warming that he recently presented to the League of Women Voters, followed by questions and discussion. He’d be happy to give this presentation/discussion to other groups. Phone him at 479-575-5918 (days), or email ahobson@uark.edu, if you know of a group that would like to invite him to speak.

OMNI CENTER OPENS NOMINATIONS FOR 2007 PEACE AND JUSTICE HEROES AWARDS

The Omni Center for Peace, Justice and Ecology, located at United Campus Ministries, 902 W. Maple, Fayetteville, Arkansas is accepting nominations for the Fourth Annual Peace and Justice Heroes Awards.

What is a peace hero? You’ve heard of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Mahatma Gandhi. There are also ordinary citizens who are peace heroes. You know them, people or organizations who quietly go about meeting needs, serving the cause of justice, and striving to create a culture of peace for their neighborhoods and the world. These heroes inspire folks around them to explore new ideas and try new experiences. They meet real needs. They encourage new and more meaningful relationships with their neighbors and in the world. Sometimes they make headlines, usually, they don’t. The Omni Center wants to honor and celebrate individuals and organizations from around the state who contribute toward peace and justice.

To qualify, a nominee must be a resident of or be an organization in Arkansas, be able to attend the awards banquet on Saturday, June 9, 2007 in Fayetteville, be acknowledged by his/her/their community to be an example of having a commitment to, and working toward his/her/their cause. Members of the Omni Center steering committee are not eligible.

Do you know a peace hero? We’d like to include your hero on our list of nominees. For more information or to obtain a nomination form, contact Melanie Dietzel 479-442-8600 melaniedietzel@cox.net or Gladys Tiffany 479-973-9049 gladystiffany@yahoo.com or you can fill out a nomination form on our website at www.omnicenter.org

NEW CLASSES BEGIN AT ART EXPERIENCE

This spring brings a renewal of creative energy in the form of classes and group sessions at the Art Experience. For adults, Jo Ann Kaminsky is offering a "Mask of Change" group, where participants explore where they are and make masks to help bring forth the changes needed in their lives.

In another adult group Heroes and Villains, there will be an opportunity for class members to rewrite the story of their lives through the metaphor of a classic fairy tale that can be changed to make it their own in an inspiring playful creative atmosphere. Puppet and mask classes are available for children and adults, including hand puppets, masks, rod puppets, giant puppets, and sock puppets. Call 479-442-0557 for a brochure.

On April 22, Fayetteville's first annual "Puppets in the Park" event will take place at the field in Wilson Park from 2p.m. until 4p.m. Toucan Jam puppets will perform with Emily the Emu and also the Palace of Beaks, Mary Loats of Children's Library fame will perform as well as some members of Animo! performing the Hourglass Dress, and a puppet play by the Walnut Farm Montessori School in Bentonville. There will also be roving puppets and a chance for a hands-on puppet Experience. Marionettes, hand puppets, rod puppets, giant puppets and stilts will all be part of the celebration.

ANNUAL SELDEN RING AWARD FOR INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM

Selden Ring of Los Angeles believed in the power and importance of investigative journalism. Since 1989, USC Annenberg’s Selden Ring Award has celebrated the year’s best in investigative journalism.
OMNI SEEKS STORIES ABOUT PEACEMAKERS

Do you have a story about a peacemaker in Northwest Arkansas that you’d like to share? OMNI Center wants to publish your story. For more information visit www.omnicenter.org

OMNI’S 24TH BIBLIOGRAPHY OF BOOKS AND FILMS

Omni Center’s 24th Bibliography of Books and Films may be found in OMNI’s Web Site. Go to www.omnicenter.org and click on the Biblio icon. These bibliographies together assure us a knowledge base for our nonviolent peace, justice, and ecology work. We have given thought to our actions. Go there for books on such subjects as activism, African women, Al Jazeera, animal protection. Entries are cross-referenced: Abu-Ghraib (Bush, Civil Liberties, Imperialism, Torture, War), Advertising (Information Control, Commercialism, Media), Afghanistan (Bush, Empire, Iraq, Terrorism), Affirmative Action (Civil Rights, Equity, Women).

OMNI MULLINS LIBRARY PEACE BOOK AND FILM COLLECTION

The endowed collection is composed of four subject areas: VICTIMS, NONVIOLENCE, INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING, WHISTLEBLOWING. Rationale: In a world in which the value of victory over others too often predominates—militarists, imperialists, dominionists, bigots—these books and films foreground the value of caring for the victims of economic, military, and religious depredations.

Nonviolence is a chief value underlying the protection and rescue of the victims of the world. In the word "Satyagraha," the name Gandhi gave to a way of overcoming injustice, "satya" means the search for truth and "agraha" means persistence. Inseparable from Satyagraha is "Ahimsa"; that is, "a-himsa" (hims: desiring to kill): the effort to avoid killing until the desire to kill has been replaced by love for others and justice.

The "search for" and the "effort to" remind us of Gandhi’s lifelong "experiments with truth." Investigative journalists and whistleblowers are two kinds of people who assist us in our search for truth. Working outside centers of power, these journalists are dedicated to the persistent exposure of corruption and discovery of truth, always the essential initial step toward justice.

Working inside governments and corporations, whistleblowers take great economic and even life-threatening risks to expose wrongdoing and return truth and honesty to ruling enterprises.

Thanks to Molly Boyd, Mullins has a news rotator item about the "Peace" collection. You can see it at http://libinfo.uark.edu/. You may have to click the reload button on your browser several times to get it to come up.

Or, you can view it directly through the feeds at http://libinfo.uark.edu/info/whatsnew.asp. Notice on that "What’s New?" page, we have added a new link to "Collection News," which features the Omni Center Collection. You can access it directly on http://libinfo.uark.edu/info/collectionnews/collectionnewsfall06.asp.

NATIONALLY:

SMITHSONIAN’S NATIONAL ZOO’S CHILDREN’S "STOMP OUT CARBON!!" CONTEST.

Through April 30, kids ages 6-14 are invited to send in tips on how we can shrink our "carbon footprint." Go to www.nationalzoo.si.edu
OPPORTUNITIES TO BE A DELEGATE ON A CHRISTIAN PEACEMAKING TEAM

Delegations are a primary way to become involved in the work of CPT. Christian Peacemaker Teams sends short-term (7-14 day) peacemaker delegations into crisis settings around the world. These delegations link communities experiencing violence with concerned individuals, churches and groups. Delegations offer participants a first-hand experience of CPT’s on-the-ground experiment in faith-based, active peacemaking grounded in the transforming power of Gospel nonviolence.

Delegations are open to all interested people and do not require specific nonviolence training -- just download an application below. Delegations are also the first step for those considering joining CPT’s Corps and Reserve Corps of peacemakers ready to staff CPT’s violence-reduction. For more Information Contact:

Christian Peacemaker Teams
Claire Evans, Delegation Coordinator
Box 6508, Chicago, IL 60680
Tel. 773 277-0253
Fax. 773 277-0291
E-mail delegations@cpt.org
Dick has a copies of their newsletter, "Signs of the Time

RESPONSIBLE SHOPPER ALERTS SHOPPER ABOUT CORPORATE SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Responsible Shopper alerts the public about the social and environmental impact of major corporations, and provides opportunities for consumers and investors to vote with their dollars for change.

We focus our research on companies that are subjects of consumer and shareholder action campaigns, and that have significant influence in their industry. Changing these companies could lead to significant industry-wide reform. http://www.coopamerica.org/programs/rs/

JOIN A SUMMER DELEGATION TO ISRAEL/PALESTINE

From May 26 though June 9, American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) and the Interfaith Peace-Builders will lead a U.S. delegation to Israel/Palestine. By participating, you can gain a deeper understanding of the Israeli/Palestinian conflict as you meet courageous Israelis and Palestinians working for peace and justice, and witness the current realities of life in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories.

Cost: $1,850 (not including airfare) Application deadline: April 23 For more information, please contact Adam Horowitz at (215) 241-7874 or ahorowitz@afsc.org for more information.

NATIONAL DIALOGUE ABOUT AMERICA'S FUTURE

During the week of April 14-22, 2007, thousands of grassroots discussion groups will be participating in an in-depth dialogue about the future of our country. These discussions are taking place in homes and community gathering centers all across the country. The topic of these discussions:

What kind of America and what kind of world do we want to see? What are our priorities as a nation and a people? Be a Christian Peacemaker, walk the talk.

AMERICA’S DIALOGUE is the platform on which we are exploring these questions together. The centerpiece for our discussions is a new 42-minute video about Hiroshima, nuclear weapons, nuclear waste, and the human cost of militarism and war.
Hiroshima lives with us today. It lives with us in the growing threat of nuclear proliferation and destruction. It lives with us in the degradation and pollution of our environment, and the problem of energy and global warming. It lives with us in the enormous drain of our resources away from healthcare and education. It lives with us in an embedded culture of weapons manufacture and war. It lives with us in the very real and growing threat, not only to our own, but to our children’s future.

The video does not intend to provide all the answers; but, rather, to be the catalyst for a great national debate about America. During the week of April 14-22, 2007, organize a video showing/discussion with a group you know in your community, or in your home with friends. (You can view the video on this site: WWW.AMERICASDIALOGUE.ORG or on DVD). Join us in this great endeavor. Network with friends all over the country; ask them to network with their friends. Spread the story of what’s happening the WEEK OF APRIL 14-22, 2007. Email everyone you know a link to this site. For more information, please contact Jim Hilgendorf 541-484-7529 or Email: thetributeseries@comcast.net

www.americasdialogue.org. To participate in a local action, please contact Dick Bennett 442-4600 or jbennet@uark.edu

NONVIOLENT CHANGE SPRING ISSUE POSTED ON WEBSITE

The Spring issue of Nonviolent Change is now posted as a PDF file on their web site: http://www.nonviolentchangejournal.org/, along with back issues. A version in web pages will soon be posted, likely within two weeks. NCJ welcomes submissions of articles, commentary, reviews, news, media information and announcements relating to issues of inter and intra community peace. Please send all submissions to Steve Sachs at: ssachs@earthlink.net. The next deadline is August 8, for the fall issue.

THE COST OF WAR

It’s been 1488 days since the beginning of the war in Iraq

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   · Fayetteville office: 251-1380

--Senator Mark Pryor: Web Site (see contact link): www.pryor.senate.gov;
http://pryor.senate.gov/contact/
     Phone: (202) 224-2353 Fax: (202) 228-0908
   · Main District Office: 500 Pres. Clinton Ave., Suite 401, Little Rock, AR 72201
     Phone: (501) 324-6336 Fax: (501) 324-5320

--Congressman John Boozman, District 3, 12 counties from Benton to Washington
   · Lowell office: 479-725-0400. 213 W. Monroe, Suite K, 72745. Steve Gray, coordinator of office. Web site (with contact link): http://www.boozman.house.gov/ Heath Hasenbeck, intern (one of them). Boozman’s new office in Lowell is located at 213 West Monroe in Lowell between I 540 and Business 71. To reach that office take Exit 78 off I - 540 and go east. You will be on Hwy 264 which is also West Monroe. The office is in the Puppy Creek Plaza, past the McDonald’s on the right. His suite is in the back of the complex to the left.
   · Harrison office: 870-741-6900; 402 N. Walnut, Suite 210, Harrison 72601.