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NEWSLETTER

OMNI CENTER

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Please send upcoming events to this email address:

OMNI CENTER---UPCOMING EVENTS, MEETINGS and CALENDAR

Omni/C.A.T. Connections

Omni C.A.T. Forum Schedule:
- Tuesdays, 6:00p.m.
- Thursdays, 6:00p.m.
- Saturdays, 2:00p.m.

Free Speech TV (FSTV) sponsored by Omni
3:00a.m. – 9:00a.m. - This is where you'll find in depth reporting and documentaries as well as lectures and speeches by, and interviews with, intelligent, insightful minds including Noam Chomsky, Robert McChesney, Dennis Kucinich, Helen Caldicott, Shirin Imbadi and Medea Benjamin.

Democracy NOW with Amy Goodman: Daily 7:00a.m., Sundays 6:00p.m.

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 5:00p.m.-6:00p.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 6:00p.m.-6:30p.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: 11:00a.m., 5:00p.m., 11:00p.m.

Omni News and Current Events featured on Short Takes:
Presented by Cliff Hughes, Dick Bennett

--FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH--

--February 19, Monday - Presidents' Birthday (federal holiday)

--February 21, Wednesday - Christians commemorate Ash Wednesday (The beginning of Lent)

--February 21, Wednesday, 7:00p.m., THE INVISIBLE CHILDREN, a special Omni Video Underground at United Campus Ministries, 902 W. Maple, Fayetteville. We were inspired by a group of students at Fayetteville High School who are working to raise awareness and funds to help the children of Uganda who are being abducted and forced to join militias as soldiers. They are working DIRECTLY with a school in Uganda. The students from FHS will be at this special showing to talk about their mission before the film.

Please SPREAD THE WORD and come out to see this highly acclaimed film and to encourage these young activists!

--February 21, Wednesday, Daisy Bates Day (state holiday)
--February 22, Thursday, George Washington's Birthday

--February 24, Saturday 8:30am-11:00am, PANCAKES for PEACE!, United Campus Ministries Deep End, 902 W. Maple, Fayetteville, $5 per plate and all proceeds go to the OMNI Center to help pay for the M11 Peace March and Rally. The committee needs to borrow electric griddles. If you have one that they can use, please contact Starr Austin at starrthinks@yahoo.com.

--February 25, Sunday, 6:30p.m., Video Underground: Third Annual Media That Matters Film Festival, United Campus Ministries, 902 W. Maple, Fayetteville - The Media That Matters Film Festival is the premiere showcase for short films on the most important topics of the day. Local and global, online and in communities around the world, Media That Matters engages diverse audiences and inspires them to take action. From gay rights to global warming, the jury-selected collection represents the work of a diverse group of independent filmmakers, many of whom are under 21. The films are equally diverse in style and content, with documentaries, music videos, animations, experimental work and everything else in between. What all the films have in common is that they spark debate and action in 8 minutes or less. This collection gathers 15 shorts from the festival’s third year.

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/

--February 27, Tuesday, Anti-Slavery Day (world-wide)

--MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH--

--March 8, Thursday, International Women’s Day

--March 11, Sunday, Daylight Saving Time begins

--March 11, Sunday, 2:00p.m., Stop The War March and Rally - Not one more death, not one more day, not one more dollar! Join the Omni Center for Peace, Justice and Ecology as we march and rally to commemorate the 4th Anniversary of the invasion of Iraq. Step off will be at 2:00 p.m. at the parking lot across from the Walton Arts Center. We will march to the Fayetteville Town Square for a rally with speakers and music. If you are interested in working on the planning committee for the march, contact: Greg Moore gregmoore@blockstreetandbuilding.com

--March 11, Sunday, 6:30p.m., Video Underground: Citizen Ruth, United Campus Ministries, 902 W. Maple, Fayetteville - The debut feature from Academy Award winning director Alexander Payne (Sideways, Election), this fearless dark comedy takes at aim one of the most controversial debates in America today. Laura Dern is Ruth, a glue sniffing, fume huffing junkie who finds herself pregnant for the fifth time. After she is arrested for substance abuse, the judge offers to lessen her sentence if Ruth chooses to abort her child. Through a chance encounter with a group of jailed abortion protesters, Ruth soon finds herself at the center of an escalating battle between people on both sides of the abortion issue. (This film contains frank depictions of sexuality and drug use.)

--March 17, Saturday, St. Patrick’s Day

--March 28, Wednesday, 6:00 p.m., Women's History Month Awards Banquet - The dinner will be at the Fayetteville Clarion Inn. Cost of meal will be $17 including tax and tip. Checks for reservations may be made out to LWV-WC and mailed to Phyllis Berner, 16543 Ranchero Rd., Springdale, AR 72764.

--April 21, Saturday, Springfest on Dickson Street, Fayetteville. Mark your calendar, put on your thinking caps! 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. What are the best ways to share our vision with our neighbors? For more information on how you can get involved, contact Jamie Ulick 442-0573 or jamesulick@aol.com

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS---UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

-- February 20, February 27, and March 27, PBS’s FRONTLINE—The “News War” beginning this Tuesday and on the following two, PBS Frontline will present a 4-part series on the “News War”: reporting the invasion, secret government, future of US media, and media around the world.

-- February 20-March 9, Reception 4-6 p.m./exhibit 6-8 p.m., Philander Smith College, UNEMBEDDED: Four Independent Photojournalists on the War in Iraq, Photographer to Speak at UAMS and Philander Smith College on War Experiences

This event is non-partisan, open to the public and free of charge.

Titled “Unembedded, Four Independent Journalists on the War in Iraq,” the 60-photograph exhibit is by four independent photojournalists – including Thorne Anderson, formerly of Arkansas. The photographers’ rare access to Iraqi life allowed them to capture provocative images without accompanying the U.S. military. More information is available at www.unembedded.net.

The exhibit photos will be accompanied by displays, developed by the UAMS COPH, about the war’s effect on human health and the environment in Iraq, as well as impact on returning U.S. veterans, their families, and communities. Placards will include information about nutrition, water quality, health care infrastructure and mental health issues in Iraq, and statistics about U.S. veterans’ potential long-term physical and mental disabilities and the economic costs of the war.

The exhibit will be displayed at Philander Smith College at the Donald W. Reynolds Library and Technology Center from Feb. 20 to March 9. Exhibit hours Monday through Friday are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturdays, Feb. 24 and March 3, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Philander Smith College opening reception will be 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 20, at the Harry R. Kendall Center, with extended exhibit viewing from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The “Unembedded” exhibit is based on a book by the same name that was published last year by Chelsea Green Publishing. The book contains 150 photos, including those in the exhibit. The exhibit’s tour includes stops at other universities, galleries and community centers. The show will travel from Little Rock to the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

The UAMS College of Public Health is co-sponsoring the exhibit with the Arkansas Coalition for Peace and Justice, the event’s primary local sponsor.

For information about the Philander Smith College exhibit, please call (501)975-8505 or (501)370-5279.

--February 21, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., “Free Speech Throw-Down,” Cox Cable Channel 14 - Campus Crossfire, UATV’s political and debate talk show is pleased to announce the airing of a live debate between two very vocal campus figures, Gary “Moses” Bowman and Abel Tomlinson. The special is entitled Moses vs. Abel: A Debate of Biblical Proportions.

Bowman and Tomlinson will discuss one-on-one their differing viewpoints on religion and other issues. Tomlinson was arrested for disturbing the peace this past fall after interrupting one of Bowman’s speeches on the Union lawn.

Bowman is known for his loud and controversial speeches on the Union lawn. During one of his speeches, Tomlinson came out of the Mullins Library shouting opposing comments through a megaphone at
Bowman. After several minutes of a one-sided exchange, UAPD arrived and took Tomlinson into custody.

During the special, viewers will have a chance to ask Moses questions on-air by phone and e-mail. After that, the debate between Bowman and Tomlinson will begin.

For details about the show, e-mail uacrossfire@yahoo.com.

--February 21, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Giffels Auditorium, UofA Campus - Kurtlar Vadisi Irak
-- Valley of the Wolves Iraq (Turkey 2006) -- is the controversial, blockbuster hit film from Turkey. Based on a long-running TV series, Valley of the Wolves, featuring super-agent Polat Alemdar (Turkey’s Jack Bauer) and his team, the movie spin-off finds them in Iraq, where they seek to foil the reckless ambitions of the American proconsul and his minions. A political action film that will, for American audiences, turn good and evil on its head. Valley of the Wolves recreates many familiar images, including atrocities at Abu Ghraib prison. Turkish w/English subtitles.

--February 21, Wednesday, 6-7:30 p.m., Fayetteville Public Library, Smart Growth: The Diverse Immigrant Population in Northwest Arkansas - The League of Women Voters of Washington County will host this meeting. League members Diana Gonzales Worthen and Mary Alice Serafini will facilitate a discussion with panelists Val Gonzales, Adult Program Director, Just Communities; Frank Head, Director, Catholic Charities Immigration Service, Northwest; Katherine Deck, Interim Director, Center for Business and Economic Research, University of Arkansas; Carmen Chong Gum, Marshallese Outreach Coordinator, Jones Center for Families; Chris Stecklein, Program Officer, Care Foundation, Inc. and Al "Papa Rap" Lope, School-Community Liaison, Spring Public Schools.

--March 6, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m, ARKU 513-514, Diversity Training - "Diversity: Our Campus-Building a More Inclusive UofA" (Session 3)

--March 10, Saturday - March 18, Sunday, Mountain Justice Spring Break in West Virginia - Friends of the Appalachian Mountains, Mountain Justice Spring Break is a great opportunity for college students and others to see mountaintop removal coal mining up close, and meet with Appalachian coalfield residents who are fighting the worst form of environmental destruction imaginable.

Mountain Justice Spring Break is a week of education and direct action based in Charleston, WV, to learn, to witness, and to speak out against mountaintop removal coal mining. You will see Kayford Mountain and meet "mountain man" Larry Gibson, whose mountaintop cabin is surrounded by a huge mountaintop removal mine. You will visit Marsh Fork Elementary School, in Sundial, West Virginia, where the safety of children is threatened by a huge coal slurry lake, containing over 2 billion gallons of toxic coal sludge, directly above the school.

You will meet courageous coalfield activists who are fighting for the children and the mountains they love - and you will meet good, caring people from all over the country who have come to Appalachia for their spring break.

We will converge on the front lawn of the West Virginia state capitol, in Charleston. The week will include educational activities, workshops, speakers, a musical shindig, church service, poetry, letter writing, vigils, protest, a massive sit-in, and more!

The cost is very reasonable, and there is a sliding scale for those who cannot afford the suggested registration of $200. You can register on-line and learn more by going to: http://www.climateaction.net/

Click on Mountain Justice Spring Break. See you in the mountains!

Dave Cooper
The Mountaintop Removal Road Show
www.mountainroadshow.com

--March 17, Saturday, March on the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. - There will be a massive anti-war demonstration March on The Pentagon in Washington DC on Saturday, March 17th, which is the 4th anniversary of the war and 40th anniversary of a historic Vietnam era march. If enough people from this area are interested in participating, a tour bus could be chartered with a group. There are already chartered buses leaving from
Little Rock and Mountain Home. Contact Abel Tomlinson, atomlin@uark.edu

For more information, visit: MarchonPentagon.org

--March 26, Monday -April 1, Sunday, Sacred Peace Walk - The Peace Walk will be from Las Vegas, Nevada to The Nevada Nuclear Test Site. On the final day, April 1st, we will gather at the gates of the Test Site with others who join us in a rally and action denouncing current nuclear plans and other warming preparations at the Test Site and propose alternatives for the land and industry. There will also be an optional action on Monday, April 2nd to reach out to the Test Site workers. The 2007 Sacred Peace Walk will have a special interfaith focus commemorating Sr. Rosemary Lynch’s 90th birthday, Mohammed’s birthday, Palm Sunday, April Fools Day, and early celebration of Passover, Buddha’s birthday, and the full moon. The US is developing and refurbishing more powerful nuclear warheads, while denouncing North Korea and Iran for wanting such weapons. www.NevadaDesertExperience.org (702-646-4814).

--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

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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).

ENDANGERED SPECIES COALITION ARKANSAS FIELD REPRESENTATIVE
WWW.STOPEXTINCTION.ORG

The Endangered Species Coalition is a national network of approximately 375 conservation organizations, scientific associations, religious organizations, hunting and fishing associations, businesses, community organizations, humane societies, student groups, and concerned citizens working to protect endangered species and habitat.

We believe we have a responsibility to protect wildlife, fish and plants that are on the brink of extinction. We owe it to our children and grandchildren to be good stewards of the environment and leave behind a legacy of protecting endangered species and the special places they call home.

The Endangered Species Coalition seeks a part time Arkansas field representative to implement activities to protect endangered species.

Job Description: The Field Representative is responsible for Endangered Species Coalition activities in Arkansas. The representative will educate the public about the importance of protecting the last
remaining wildlife and wildplaces, mobilize the public to protect wildlife and habitat and implement local, regional and national campaigns to protect endangered species and habitat.

Responsibilities will include the following: Educate the public about the importance of protecting endangered species; Coordinate outreach events and educational presentations to community, organizations throughout the state; Lead local, regional and national campaigns to protect endangered species and habitat; Assist in campaign strategy and planning; Prepare state specific educational and outreach materials; Organize media events to highlight endangered species success stories; Work with a wide variety of people to become supporters of endangered species protection including scientists, sportsmen, landowners, business owners, religious leaders and community leaders; Recruit, train and mobilize volunteers for the Endangered Species Coalition; Recruit Endangered Species Coalition member organizations, with an emphasis on diversity; Assist in fundraising for the Endangered Species Coalition, including local foundations, corporations, organizations or individuals.

Qualifications: We are seeking a talented individual with experience with grassroots organizing, campaign planning and media relations. At least 2 years experience in grassroots organizing and volunteer management; Knowledge of environmental issues in Arkansas; Experience in campaign strategy and planning; Ability to be a team player and a leader in campaigns; Excellent analytical thinking, writing, and speaking skills; Diplomatic, professional, and ability to work independently and under pressure; Sense of humor.

The ESC Field Representative will report to the Field Director and work closely with the other members of the field team. The representative may work some evenings and weekends, for organizational meetings, outreach events, educational presentations or conferences.

How to Apply: Send a cover letter, resume, and references to smatsumoto@stopextinction.org.
Sarah Matsumoto, Field Director
Endangered Species Coalition
P.O. Box 5852
Berkeley, CA 94705-0852
Email strongly preferred.

This is a part-time position. Salary to be determined plus benefits, travel stipend and other expenses. Position open until filled. Equal opportunity employer. The Endangered Species Coalition values diversity in the workplace.

ERA BEFORE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
(Note: The following information comes to us from Wanda Stephens.)
Friends,

Yes, we are serious about this request that you thank the state representatives who sponsored the ERA Resolution. I hope you have already thanked the 10 reps. who voted YES in committee. Do that first.

We lost the first vote in House State Agencies because the public who favor ERA didn’t contact the reps. Who co-sponsored the bill. But the vocal minority made many times as many contacts and had people in the halls for most session hours on many days.

ERA can be brought up 2 more times in committee this session. If one rep. changes position to YES and the other 10 who voted YES in committee hold, ERA could go to the House floor, where 46 reps are still co-sponsors, and 20 who took their names off as sponsors might still vote for it.

I know this task looks overwhelming, but if we want progress, we have to work for it. Start by thanking the supporters on the committee
Wanda Stephens

Don’t leave the pro-ERA reps. thinking they made a big mistake. Tell them they did the right thing
and you appreciate it. Urge them to hold strong and vote FOR ERA again if it comes up again in committee. Where 2 addresses are listed, the first was in the AT&T Legislative Directory, the second on the legislature web site. I used the leg. addresses and none of them bounced, but that doesn’t mean the Rep read the notes.

Here is the list of Reps who voted FOR the ERA in committee:

Jeff Wood, woodj@arkleg.state.ar.us
Denny Sumpter, sumpterdd@arkleg.state.ar.us
Mark Pate, email in directory is not working. No email on leg. site. Call 501-682-6211 when House is in session and leave message.
Marilyn Edwards, medwards88rep@cox.net or edwardsm@arkleg.state.ar.us
Rick Saunders, rds@hotsprings.net or saundersr@arkleg.state.ar.us
Steve Harrelson, steve@steveharrelson.com
Earnest Brown, brown1970@prodigy.net or browne@arkleg.state.ar.us
Eddie Cheatham, cheathame@arkleg.state.ar.us
Clark Hall, hallc@arkleg.state.ar.us
Charlotte Wagner, wagnerc@arkleg.state.ar.us

Voting AGAINST: You might tell them you are disappointed and you hope they will reconsider. We must have at least one more vote from the anti’s, and hold all the pro’s, in order to get the bill out of the house committee and to the house floor, the first step. According to Berta Seitz, the best prospects to come to our side are Democrats Pam Adcock from LR, and David Evans from Searcy who works for Southwestern Energy in Conway, Buddy Lovell from Marked Tree and Lance Reynolds from Quitman. I would skip Eric Harris because he worked so hard to get Reps. to take their names off as sponsors.

Ask them to vote yes in committee to send the bill to the floor to let all Arkansas citizens be represented in the discussion and vote. All citizens should be included in the Constitution; it is a matter of equality. The issues the opponents are throwing in are irrelevant and are not affected by the ERA; the nay’s are using scare tactics. Several states have ERAs and those fears have not materialized.

David Evans - no email, call 501-682-6211 during business hours and leave message
Robert Jeffrey - robertnealjeffrey@yahoo.com or jeffreyr@arkleg.state.ar.us
Horace Hardwick - hardwickh@arkleg.state.ar.us
Daryl Pace - paced@arkleg.state.ar.us
Eric Harris - strong anti, harrise@arkleg.state.ar.us
Rick Green - greenr@arkleg.state.ar.us
Pam Adcock - adcockp@arkleg.state.ar.us
Lance Reynolds - reynoldsl@arkleg.state.ar.us
Buddy Lovell - blovell@eritter.net or reynoldsl@arkleg.state.ar.us
Dan Greenberg - strong anti, rep.greenberg@gmail.com

House ERA sponsors who are not on State Agencies. Thank them for their sponsorship, and ask them to find one more vote for ERA on the State Agencies committee and let Lindsley Smith know.

L. Smith - smithl@arkleg.state.ar.us
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Bond - Bondw@arkleg.state.ar.us
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Burris - burrism@arkleg.state.ar.us
Cash - jcash@ritternet.com or cashj@arkleg.state.ar.us
Chesterfield - chesterfieldl@arkleg.state.ar.us
Cook - cookdavid@yahoo.com or coookd@arkleg.state.ar.us
Cornwell - cornwellstaterep@hotmail.com or cornwelll@arkleg.state.ar.us
Davenport - no email, call 501-682-6211, work hours, leave message
S. Dobbins - dobbinss@arkleg.state.ar.uw
Flowers - flowerss@arkleg.state.ar.us
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THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS WORKER'S JUSTICE CENTER PRESENTS A SERIES OF WORKSHOPS ENTITLED JUSTICE FOR WOMEN IN THE POULTRY INDUSTRY.

CENTRO DE JUSTICIA PARA LOS TRABAJADORES DEL NORESTE DE ARKANSAS PRESENTA JUSTICIA PARA LAS TRABAJADORAS EN LA INDUSTRIA AVÍCOLA.

Where:
At the Jones Center for Families Room 113 (the music room)
En el Jones Center for families Salón 113 (el salón de música)

When:
Every Tuesday at 7:00pm beginning February 6, 2007 and ending March 3, 2007.
Todos los martes principio 6 de Febrero y la conclusión 3 de Marzo.

Contact:
The Northwest Arkansas Worker's Justice Center
El Centro de Justicia para los Trabajadores del Noreste de Arkansas
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Workshops/Talleres:
February 20, 2007 at 7 pm:
Taxes: Question and Answer About Filling Out and Filing Tax Forms. If you have specific questions you would like answered, call the Worker's Center at (479) 750-8015 before February 15th. We will address as many of these questions as we can during the workshop. Be sure to bring relevant tax forms with you.

20 de Febrero del 2007 de 7 pm:
Impuestos: Que información contiene los formularios de impuestos y como se deben de llenar estos formularios, si usted tiene preguntas con respecto a este tema, llame al "Centro Para Trabajadores" al (479) 750-8015 antes del 15 de febrero. Nosotros trataremos de contestarle la mayoría de estas preguntas en el seminario. Trate de traer formularios al respecto.

February 27, 2007 at 7 pm:
Women in the Workplace: Dealing with Sexual Harassment and Discrimination. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission will present: The rights of women in the workplace including pregnancy leave, sexual harassment and other issues women deal with in the workplace.

27 de Febrero del 2007 de 7:00 pm:
Las mujeres en el lugar de trabajo: Como sobrellevar el acoso sexual y discriminación. La comisión de para la Igualdad de Oportunidades de Empleo, presenta: Los derechos para las mujeres en el lugar de trabajo, embarazo y licencias por maternidad. Acoso sexual, y muchas otras situaciones que enfrentan las mujeres en el lugar de trabajo.

March 3, 2007 at 7 pm:
Building a Community of Workers: Where Do We Go From Here? This session is for women who want more information about creating workplaces that pay fair wages, are safe and free from discrimination and harassment. Small groups will talk about issues in the workplace and what the Worker's Center can do in the future to create workshops or other education organizing opportunities for Hispanic women in the poultry industry.

3 de Marzo del 2007 de 7:00 pm:
Construyendo una comunidad de Trabajadores ¿Para donde vamos? Esta sección es para las mujeres que quieren obtener más información para crear lugares de trabajo que paguen salarios justos, se sientan seguras y libres de ser discriminadas y acosas. Pequeños grupos se reunirán y hablarán sobre temas laborales y lo que el Centro de trabajadores podrá hacer en el futuro para crear talleres de trabajo u otro tipo de oportunidades educativas para las mujeres latinas en la industria avícola.

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.asp.

CALL FOR PAPERS
From the Center for Human Rights and Civil Liberties to be presented at the second Annual Conference on Human Rights: Genocide in the 20th and 21st Centuries: Cases, Causes and Cures (Other topics also welcome on human rights or civil liberties) March 23-24, 2007, Liberal Arts Building on the Hattiesburg, Miss. campus of Southern Miss.

LOOK WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO -- HAPPENINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED

SUDAN DIVESTMENT ROUNDTABLE OMNI ANNUAL MEETING 1/29/2007

Committee on Darfur - Facilitated by Karen Takemoto and Mervyn Jebaraj (of the U of Arkansas Sudan Divestment Student Group)

Since early 2003, the Sudanese military and government-sponsored militias have carried out targeted killings of black Africans in Sudan's Darfur region. Four hundred thousand civilians have been killed and over 2.5 are displaced. Women are routinely raped; men are murdered.

The Sudanese government has been persuaded in the past to stop military activity in Southern Sudan through divestment campaigns. Today, 80% of endowments to Sudan are used for activities that have led to this genocide.

The group believes that the most effective course is to contact state legislators to encourage co-sponsoring a bill (written, but not yet given a number) to direct the State of Arkansas to divest its 6 retirement schemes from corporations directly or indirectly funding genocide by investing in Sudan. These are for the Arkansas Public Employees (Total Sa invested $10,546, 874), the Teachers (Total Sa invested $23,385,778), the Judicial, the Highway Department, the Police and the Firefighters. Some of the fund managers are River Source, Credit Suisse and Merrill Lynch and some of the offending companies are Alstom, Schlumberger Ltd., Rolls Royce, Petro-China and Reliance Inds. among others.

There is also a National Divestment campaign, which has worked with 6 states to divest from Sudan. Arkansas would be the first southern state to pass a bill. A divestment from Russian Oil was successful in making it pull out of Sudan a month later.

The University of Arkansas also has invested in corporations contributing to the genocide. The Student group is meeting with the Staff Senate on Feb, 8th, and are already on the agenda. They are meeting with the Faculty Senate on Feb. 14th and will try to get on the agenda for the Board of Trustees on April 25th.

The Darfur group asks all concerned to:

1) Contact Marilyn Edwards and ask that she co-sponsor a bill directing Arkansas employee retirement schemes to divest funds for companies that invest in Sudan. Representative Edwards has expressed the strongest support for sponsoring this bill. Please contact Marilyn Edwards, Fayetteville district 88, by phone or email to ask her to cosponsor the bill: 479-442-8388, or edwardsm@arkleg.state.ar.us

2) Other legislators to express the same. (Sue Madison, Linsley Smith) who have expressed
interest in sponsoring the bill but have not yet committed. madisons@arkleg.state.ar.us and smithl@arkleg.state.ar.us

3) If you are a teacher, police, fire, or public employee contact your retirement account representative and ask that they divest from companies with business with Sudan.

Other strategies suggested were:
1. a letter writing campaign to teachers, possibly targeting specific grades. Teachers just sign up for the retirement accounts, never see the list of holdings and so are unaware of the consequences of the investments. Every school has a website with email addresses of the teachers.
2. A visit to the school board meeting, preferable accompanied by concerned teachers and parents.
3. Networking with other peace groups in the state.
4. Connecting with African and Muslim student groups on campus.
5. The student group encourages concern about this tragedy and involvement in working to pass the bill, A sample email/phone call script is available on the website below.

For more information visit: http://sudandivestment-arkansas.blogspot.com/
Email: stand@uark.edu
Write to: Arkansas’ Sudan Divestment Campaign
C/o Students Taking Action Now: Darfur (STAND)
ARKU A665
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Fayetteville, AR 72701

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