OMNI CENTER NEWSLETTER

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Omni/C.A.T. Connections

Omni C.A.T. Forum Schedule:

Tuesdays, 6:00p.m. (The March Program is the November 5, 2006 Peace March)
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. 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 5:00p.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

--MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH--

--March 2 – Dr. Seuss's Birthday (Dr. Theodore Geisel)
--March 3 – Alexander Graham Bell’s Birthday
--March 3, 1931 - Star Spangled Banner became the national anthem for the U.S.A.
--March 5 – Shushan Purim observed in the Jewish Community
--March 8, Thursday, International Women's Day
--March 9 and 10, Friday and Saturday, 7:30p.m., St. Paul's Parish Hall, 224 N. East St., Fayetteville
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- S.T.A.N.D. (Students Taking Action Now: Darfur) presents: “Darfur Stories: Tell Them,” a new play based on first person accounts that dramatizes both crisis and commitment in Darfur. S.T.A.N.D. will co-sponsor a production of the critically acclaimed one-act play "Darfur Stories: Tell Them," dealing with the genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan to help raise awareness about the humanitarian crisis and the Arkansas Sudan Divestment Campaign. The program is a tapestry of written accounts and original interviews with Darfurians, activists, journalists and aid workers. It offers a glimpse of an international movement as well as an eye-witness window into the lives of the people of Darfur - and the people who advocate for their survival. The performance will include a musical introduction composed by Phillip Glass and performed by a UA student quartet. The performance is free to UA students
and the community, but donations are welcome (suggested donations $5-$10). Sponsored By: Students Taking Action Now: Darfur, Hillel Jewish Student Association, Omni Center for Peace, Justice, and Ecology, Young Democrats

--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. Our keynote speaker will be Judith Le Blanc, the national co-chair of the United for Peace and Justice coalition (UFPJ), which organized the march on Washington in January (turnout of 500,000+). She has recently returned from a trip to the Middle East to meet with Iraqi parliamentarians and just two weeks ago addressed the large anti-war rally in London, England. She is very excited to be coming to Fayetteville. Other confirmed speakers are Adam Tenney, National Youth and Student Peace Coalition member of steering committee, who will speak primarily on military recruitment and the effects of war on youth, and Dr. Charles Robinson, University of Arkansas History Professor who spoke so eloquently at last year’s rally. Immediately at the close of the formal program, Poet Mendy Knott will host an open mic to allow rally attendees to read a poem, sing a song, or make a brief statement. If you are interested in helping with March and/or Rally, 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 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.)

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/

--March 12 - Girl Scout Day
--March 14 - Albert Einstein's Birthday
--March 15 - Ides of March
--March 16 - Freedom of Information Day
--March 17 - Saturday, St. Patrick’s Day
--March 18, 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, share 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.
--March 19 - Navratas begins - Observed in the Hindu Community
--March 21 - International Earth Day
--March 21 - Vernal Equinox
--March 22 – First Day of Spring
--March 22, Omni Steering Committee Meeting, United Campus Ministries, 902 W. Maple, Fayetteville (5:30 p.m.: Potluck, 6:00 p.m. Business Meeting)
--March 27 - Ram Navmi - Observed in the Hindu Community
--March 31 - Mawlid al-Nabi (Muhammad’s Birthday) - Observed in the Islamic Community
--April 1, Sunday, 7:00 p.m., Omni Open MIC for Peace, Deep End of United Campus Ministries, 902 W. Maple, Fayetteville, AR – You are invited on the first Sunday of each month from September to May to share your poems and songs, or other poets' or songwriters' works about Peace, Social Justice or Ecology.
--April 21, Saturday, Springfest on Dickson Street, Fayetteville. Mark your calendar, 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? 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-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.

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.

--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 6, Tuesday, 9:00 p.m., George’s Majestic Lounge, Dickson St., Fayetteville - Michael Franti and Spearhead concert with opening universal artist Joseph Israel. Michael Franti is a world renowned anti-war, peace and environmental activist that packs stadium shows all over the world. With his stunning music - rock, funk, reggae and hip-hop fusion - he delivers a powerful and conscious political message.

He tours with such diverse acts as Bono and U2, Ani Di Franco, and Dave Matthews and has created the world festival “Power to the Peaceful” that annually draws over 20,000 people to San Francisco’s Golden Gate Park.

Michael Franti has just created a searing, reflective new album titled “Yell Fire” along with an
explosive DVD documentary, "I Know I'm Not Alone," inspired by his recent trip to Iraq, Israel, and the occupied territories of Palestine. Michael Franti dedicates his artistic talents to the promotion of world peace. Tickets are $20.

--March 7, Wednesday, 7:30p.m., United Campus Ministries, 902 W. Maple, Fayetteville - There will be a screening of Michael Franti's documentary, "I Know I'm Not Alone," about his recent trip to Iraq, Palestine, and Israel.

--March 9 – 11, Friday – Sunday, Jewish Sacred Dance(Friday, March 9-7:30p.m.), (Saturday, March 10-10:00a.m. moving into Shabbat), (Saturday, March 10-7:00p.m.), Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fayetteville, 901 W. Cleveland Street, Fayetteville, Arkansas, (479) 521-8422 - How do we get from the here of everyday life to the there of the sacred? Dance was an integral part of the celebrations of the ancient Israelites. It was used both in worship in ordinary life and on occasions of triumphant victory and festivity. Join Latifa Berry Kropf in a unique weekend event celebrating Shabbat with prayer, dance and music. Friday night services will be conducted by Rabbi Jacob Adler with an introduction to Jewish Sacred Dance by Latifa. Saturday, begins at 10:00a.m. moving into Shabbat. A wonderful opportunity to celebrate Shabbat in a joyful, peaceful body-centered way. We will sing and dance our prayers, allowing them to move us. Using interpretive dance, sacred circle dancing, meditation, song and creative Torah interpretation we will experience Shabbat with all parts of ourselves. This service is accessible and open to everyone. Lunch After Services. Please join us for lunch with Latifa after Services. Reservations requested—bring a vegetarian dish to share or a donation of $15 to cover food costs. Students are welcome to come without bringing anything. Saturday, 7:00p.m. Join Latifa Berry Kropf as we conclude Shabbat with dances of peace and bring in the new week with dances of joy and blessings! Jewish Sacred Dance is a potent and joyful form prayer. These participatory universal dances of peace have simple movements and use beautiful liturgical melodies in Hebrew and English. No dance experience is required, just an open heart! For more information or to make reservations for lunch, please call Darla Newman at (479) 521-3119 or dpnewman@sbcglobal.net.

--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
--March 17, Saturday, 1:00 p.m., Fayetteville Public Library - An event for Women's History Month is the Suffragist film, "Iron-Jawed Angels", being shown at the Fayetteville Public Library on March 17th at 1 pm. Film and popcorn are free. Sponsored by the League of Women Voters - there wouldn't be all the women's organizations we have without those brave women who labored so long and hard for our right to vote.

--March 17, Saturday, 7:00p.m., Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fayetteville, 901 W. Cleveland, Fayetteville - In celebration of Women's History Month, the social justice committee of UUFF is hosting an open mic to celebrate women! Come, share your stories, songs, poetry, or just name the names of women that have had a positive impact on your life. It could be someone living or passed on, someone famous or someone you know personally. Please join us in this celebration of women. For more information, contact Starr Austin at starrthinks@yahoo.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 war making 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).

--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, or bought from committee members. Come, celebrate women in our community who have made a difference.

--March 31, Saturday, 2:00p.m., Fayetteville Public Library - Fayetteville Freethinkers' Monthly Meeting. A freethinker is someone who forms beliefs about religion and the supernatural through conscientious reflection and rational inquiry and not based upon authority or tradition. Freethinking is a method of arriving at conclusions, not a set of beliefs. Most freethinkers are agnostics, atheists, or deists. Some freethinkers were George Washington, John Adams, Mark Twain, Albert Einstein, Thomas Paine, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Benjamin Franklin, James Madison. For more information, Contact www.fayfreethinkers.com

--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 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
WHAT'S GOING ON? --- CURRENT EVENTS

ARE YOU CRITICALLY THINKING?
Community Access Television is sponsoring a series of critical thinking workshops at 2:00 PM on the 3rd Saturday of every month. The workshops will be conducted by Joe Carnes Guinn, author of "Step Up to Critical Thinking," and the public is invited to attend. Each session will feature a new topic designed to help a reader or listener manage and improve critical thinking skills and will be followed by a discussion for those attending the lectures which will help people of all ages. You can view the workshops on C.A.T. March 5, Monday, 10:00a.m.; March 6, Wednesday, 10:30a.m.; March 7, Wednesday, 12:30p.m.

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 with a $35,000 annual prize. http://annenberg.usc.edu/seldenring

ACLU WEB SITE CONTAINS MUCH ON ARKANSAS LEGISLATURE
Fact sheets on bills are available as well as pending legislation, links to your legislators, and more. Visit their web site at www.acluarkansas.org

DRAFT STATEMENT OF UNITY FOR M11 MARCH AND RALLY
We are witnessing today the largest peace offensive this nation has seen since the Vietnam War. During every war in our history, individuals and groups have opposed our country's involvement, whether on religious, personal, or political grounds.
We will come together on March 11, 2007 to show our disagreement with the United States' current military involvement in Iraq and to call on the government to act to end the war. Only continued united action of grassroots activists can stop this war.

NOT ONE MORE DAY
We call on our government to immediately begin the process of withdrawing all troops from Iraq and to dismantle all U.S. military bases in Iraq. It is time for political and diplomatic solutions to the sectarian conflict, time for an Iraqi-led rebuilding of their country, and time to start bringing U.S. troops home now. Four years is enough.

NOT ONE MORE DEATH
The invasion and occupation of Iraq is responsible for the unnecessary deaths of over 3,000 U.S. soldiers and possibly hundreds of thousands of Iraqis. Countless more on both sides continue to suffer from the injuries of war. Not one more Iraqi or U.S. soldier or civilian should be killed.

NOT ONE MORE DOLLAR
The billions of dollars spent on the continued military campaign in Iraq should be redirected toward meeting domestic needs at home; funds should be provided to the Iraqi government to rebuild civilian infrastructure. Congress should end funding for any military purposes in Iraq. Not one more U.S. dollar should be spent sustaining war and occupation.

LINDA WILLIAMS - “CHILDREN OF TOMORROW”
The song by Linda Williams - "Children of Tomorrow", in the current edition of the Journal of Stellar Peacemaking, is a futuristic vision of obsolete war which you may find to be very useful this month in activities that respond to that continued inappropriate response to international conflict. Both the music and the lyrics can be found for your free use.
The Journal of Stellar Peacemaking (http://www.jsp.st) welcomes submissions for publication. Please visit its web site to see the newly uploaded edition of this noncommercial journal and consider it for publication of your important research in peace development.

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).

ENDANGERED SPECIES COALITION ARKANSAS FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

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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

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.

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

GLOBAL TREATY BANNING CLUSTER BOMBS

Forty-six countries agreed February 24 to push for a global treaty banning cluster bombs. Perhaps the move will force the superpowers that oppose the ban--all major arms makers (U.S., Russia, China--and Israel)--to abandon the weapons.

THE INVISIBLE CHILDREN, A SPECIAL OMNI VIDEO UNDERGROUND

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 taping an Omni C.A.T. Forum about their mission before the film. Check the next newsletter for times it will be shown.

Please SPREAD THE WORD and encourage these young activists!
PANCAKES FOR PEACE, A SUCCESSFUL MORNING

Thanks to the excellent planning and hard work of the M11 Fund Raising Committee and friends, we served over two hundred plates of pancakes on Saturday, February 24. Thank you to all who contributed time and energy, and to all those who came out on a rainy Saturday morning to eat pancakes, visit with friends, and to support the M11 March and Rally. Thanks also to Don Austin who once again gave his time and talent to a worthy cause.

OMNI SEEKS A WORLD FREE OF WAR AND THE THREAT OF WAR, A SOCIETY WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL, A COMMUNITY WHERE EVERY PERSON’S POTENTIAL MAY BE FULFILLED, AN EARTH RESTORED. GRASSROOTS NONVIOLENCE, WORLD PEACE, HUMAN RIGHTS, SOCIAL and ECONOMIC JUSTICE, ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP PROTECTING SPECIES AND THE EARTH.

CONTACT YOUR CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

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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.