SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENT

--July 10, Pastors for Peace Fayetteville Visit-- Omni Center is honored to sponsor this visit, and to host a potluck for the Pastors for Peace. Pastors for Peace travel to Cuba every year, distributing much-needed aid from America, and publicizing the sanctions imposed on Cuba. As they prepare to cross the Mexican border, the PFP caravan announces its arrival publicly, and draws media attention. Some years they are allowed to cross; other years, they are stopped cold. They've sometimes been imprisoned. It can be a harsh experience, but results in some great stories.

These PFP volunteers are Americans who are willing to risk their own freedom to unmask an injustice that has touched their hearts. Their visit to Fayetteville is your chance to meet these dedicated volunteers? If you would like to help other Omni members organize and/or publicize their visit, please contact Gladys at gladystiffany@yahoo.com, 973-9049.

Omni/Community Access Television (C.A.T.) Connections

Omni C.A.T. Forum Schedule:

- Tuesdays, 6/26 and 7/3  6:00p.m.
- Thursdays, 6/28 and 7/5  6:00p.m.
- Saturday, 6/30  2:00p.m.

Free Speech TV (FSTV) sponsored by Omni - 3:00a.m. - 9:00a.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](http://www.freespeechtv.com)

For a complete FSTV broadcast schedule...

1. click here
2. select your time zone
3. watch more FSTV!

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.

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 Mondays, and on Tuesdays from 12 noon - 1:30p.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

**Other Viewing Opportunities:** Bill Moyers Journal on PBS, Fridays, 9:00p.m. [http://www.pbs.org/moyers/journal/index-flash.html](http://www.pbs.org/moyers/journal/index-flash.html)

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**Video Underground on Hiatus - Omni Center's Video Underground will be on hiatus July and August. Check this space in the August Newsletters for the fall schedule.**

Video Underground shows FREE political, social, and current event videos every second and fourth Sunday of the month. 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/](http://www.northwest-ark.com/vu/)

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**July 9, Monday, 6:30p.m., Illustrated lecture by Jefferson Fletcher on Israeli Settlements in the West Bank has been cancelled.**

**July 10, Pastors for Peace Fayetteville Visit - See Notice at Top of Newsletter.**

**July 11, 7:00a.m., FSTV BREAKFAST -** FST/DEMOCRACY NOW BREAKFAST continues JULY 11, 7 a.m., at home of Jo Bennett, 2473 Jimmie Ave., 5th house on left off Township. Here’s a typical, exhilarating hour (July 3): Amy Goodman’s usual summary news examining Power USA not found in our newspapers, followed by three special interviews: 1) Marcy Wheeler, author of *Anatomy of Deceit*, analyzing Bush/Cheney’s self-serving commutation of Libby’s prison sentence, whose behind the $250,000 Libby defense fund (Mary Matalin, Fred Thompson, James Woolsey, et al.), Bush’s hypocrisy (while pushing Congress to make all minimum sentences mandatory he commutes Libby’s). 2) Katrina Vanden Heuval, publisher of *The Nation*, and Prof. Theodore Postal of MIT on Bush’s attempt to place missile defense in Czechoslovakia and Poland. Vanden Heuvel gave a brilliant political analysis of the US efforts to expand missiles instead of reducing them as we might have expected post-Cold War and according to agreements; Postal knew everything about the tech. Breathtaking 15 minutes. 3) 2 High School students give Bush a letter asking him to stop law-breaking torture. Inspiring what young people can do. [www.democracynow.org](http://www.democracynow.org) Contact Dick 442-4600 or email jbennet@uark.edu.

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**July 15, Sunday, 6:30p.m., HOWL: Women's Open Mic,Nightbird Books, Fayetteville**
- HOWL 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

--August 5, Sunday, 6:00p.m., Hiroshima/ Nagasaki Commemoration - Retired Army Colonel Ann Wright will be the keynote speaker at Omni’s Annual Commemoration of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki Japan to remember all those who have died in war and to celebrate all those who work for peace.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS—UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

--July 10, Tuesday - July 13, Friday, The ICLEI (International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives) USA 2007 National Workshop to be held in Fayetteville, Arkansas - The theme this year: The Economic Benefits of Local Climate Action. Fayetteville is hosting the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) North American Summer Workshop from July 10-13. Titled "The Economic Benefits of Local Climate Action," the workshop will include information on energy conservation, the benefits of green building, developing effective climate action plans at the local level, and much more. This is an opportunity for local government staff and elected representatives from across the U.S. to share stories and strategies on how to save money and create other community-wide benefits through local climate protection initiatives. For more information and registration, please visit the workshop website at www.icleiusaworkshop.org.

--July 17, Tuesday, 11:45a.m., Wind-Power Workshop: Small Wind in Arkansas: An Overview for Residential and the Small Business Applications, The Western Branch of the US Green Building Council – Arkansas Chapter invites you to join us Tuesday midday, July 17, 2007 11:45 am at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Springdale Arkansas as Travis Creswell, President of Ozark Energy Services of Joplin, Missouri covers: • Small-wind resource potential in Northwest Arkansas • How small-wind turbines work • Applications • Factors to consider • Styles • Net Metering • Barriers. Registration and Lunch: 11:30 am; Welcome and General Announcements: 11:45 am; Presentation Start: 12:00 pm Presentation End: 1:00 pm PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY. Admission $15 USGBC Western Branch – Arkansas Chapter members and USGBC National members and $20 for all others. Cash or check only please. Lunch - A catered box lunch will be provided as part of the cost of admission. RSVP: Please indicate your intent to attend by Friday, July 13, 2007 by emailing Randy Martinsen at randym@martinsenmgmt.net. Cancellations accepted up to 9:00 am Monday, July 16, 2007. After that time invoicing for the full admission cost will occur. For more information contact: Stephan Pollard at stephan.pollard@gmail.com, Sharon Hoover at shoover@allarch.com, or Tahar Messadi at tmessadi@uark.edu.

--July 18, Wednesday, 3:00p.m., Secchi Day on Beaver Lake Planning Meeting - The next Secchi Day on Beaver Lake Planning Meeting will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, July 18, at Prairie Creek Grand Shelter at Prairie Creek on Beaver Lake, which is where the hub of our activities will be for Secchi Day on Beaver Lake on Saturday, August 25. Directions: The Prairie Creek Grand Shelter is located in the day use area. Prairie Creek is located 4 miles east of Rogers on State Highway 12, then 1 mile on access road. This meeting is open to anyone who wants to help out. RSVP to Amy L. Wilson/Director of Public Affairs/Beaver Water District (awilson@bwdh2o.org)
--July 21, Saturday, 2:00p.m., The Board of directors for the Newton County Wildlife Association Annual General Membership Meeting - The meeting will be held at the Ozark Campground Pavilion along the Buffalo River near Jasper, Arkansas. The meeting should last about two hours, after which there will be swimming and a light potluck (snacks and beverages).

The agenda will include discussions of current issues and activities that we have been engaged with over the past year, as well as, board elections and proposed by law changes.

We continue to seek a curtailment in the use of prescribed fire on public lands, and, we have been watching the expansion of Rocky Mountain Elk onto USFS lands.

Our current board consists of Shawn Porter and Barry Weaver (co-chairs), Dennis Larson (treasurer), Dave Spencer (secretary), and Kent Bonar (naturalist). There will be two board positions open. There are also one or two alternate positions open. We encourage you, our members, to consider becoming a board member or alternate. Active members are our greatest asset and strength.

Please join us for this important meeting on July 21. For more information, contact NCWA via phone, mail, or email. Newton County Wildlife Association, P.O. Box 189, Jasper, AR 72641 (870)428-5328 or 446-6126

--July 25, Wednesday, 7:00p.m., Ozark Headwaters Group General Meeting - The monthly meeting of the Ozark Headwaters Group of the Sierra Club will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 23, at Powerhouse Seafood, 112 N. University off Dickson Street in Fayetteville. JULY 25 PROGRAM TOPIC: TO BE ANNOUNCED. For information, contact Dot Neely at dgneely@uark.edu.

WHAT'S GOING ON?---CURRENT EVENTS

LOCALLY:

VISIT WEBSITE TO SEND MESSAGE TO THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

A local environmental group, sponsored by Fayetteville’s Omni Center, has been working against the global warming and other effects of the Texarkana coal plant. The group has established a web site where you can, with a click of a mouse key, send a pre-formatted message, or your own message, to the Arkansas Public Service Commission. Just go to http://www.sustainablearkansas.info, where you’ll find a brief explanation and the message. You’ll need to fill out your name and address.

You can send the message even if you’ve already signed our local petition—the petition and the email are different. Try not to send the email twice from the same person, but DO use the same email address to send messages from you and your friends or family, each person filling out their own name. You can be any age, from any state in the country (but we’re focusing on Arkansas). The Arkansas PSC wants to hear from you.

This power plant will emit as much CO2 as half the cars and light trucks in Arkansas. We’re nearing a global "tipping point" that could melt the polar ice caps. We’ve GOT to get moving on this.

Go to http://www.sustainablearkansas.info

PLEASE CIRCULATE THIS TO OTHERS IN ARKANSAS, but try to restrict it to people who will use it seriously and responsibly.
NONVIOLENCE CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE TRAINERS – ARE YOU OUT THERE?
Are there Omni members or friends out there who have training in nonviolent civil disobedience techniques? We need you. We’ve had a request for a volunteer to offer training at the next Regional Peace Conference that will happen September 14-15, 2007 at Ferncliff Center near Little Rock. We’d love to talk to you about it. Please email Gladys at gladystiffany@yahoo.com.

FIVE WAYS TO REDUCE YOUR ECOLOGICAL FOOTPRINT WHEN SHOPPING
From the Arkansas Sustainability Network, Little Rock
This month’s issue of E Magazine includes interviews with leading advocates for ecological shopping, including Organic Consumers Association (OCA) Environmental Scientist Craig Minowa. Here are five quick tips for becoming a green shopper:

1. Switch to environmentally friendly cleaning supplies. The use of conventional cleaners exposes your family and our environment to some very nasty toxic chemicals.

2. If you buy only one or two organic items, make them milk and meat. Most conventional milk and meat are produced on factory farms that feed their animals massive amounts of pesticide and fossil-fuel intensive conventional corn, at the same time creating massive manure lagoons that contaminate local ground water.

3. Be as conscious about the packaging as you are about the product. The production and disposal of packaging takes a heavy environmental toll. You can eliminate 1,200 pounds of carbon dioxide (CO2) every year by simply reducing your waste by 10%. While you’re at it, bring your own shopping bags.

4. Buy local and regional, or at least USA-grown, whenever possible, to reduce energy and pollution from long transportation. But of course some products are not produced in the US. For overseas products, look for the organic and Fair Trade label.

5. Buy in bulk. If you regularly buy a certain product, consider buying it in bulk. It usually has less packaging, is more affordable, and requires fewer trips to the store.

Does information like this sound helpful to you? Articles on topics like this one can be found in National Geographic’s Green Guide. For more information about the Green Guide go to www.thegreenguide.com.

NATIONALLY

TELL CONGRESS TO PASS H.R. 676 NOW

Under H.R. 676 [Text of Bill], Medicare would be extended and improved so that all individuals residing in the United States would receive high quality and affordable health care services. They would receive all medically necessary services by the physicians of their choice, with no restrictions on what providers they could visit. If implemented, the United States National Health Insurance Act would cover primary care, dental, mental health, prescription drugs, and long term care.


SENATE PANEL BANS CLUSTER EXPORTS
CONTACT LINCOLN, PRYOR, BOOZMAN

A key Senate committee has approved legislation that would effectively ban the U.S. from exporting cluster bombs, a weapon with a particularly deadly record of killing and maiming civilians, both during and after their initial use. The legislation must still be approved by the full Senate and reconciled with a House version. You can help by ensuring that your senators and representative are cosponsors of the Cluster Munitions Civilian Protection Act of 2007. Read more.

IRAQ VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR -- SPEAKING OUT AND SUPPORTING VETERANS

Iraq Veterans Against the War (IVAW) was founded by Iraq war veterans in July 2004 at the annual convention of Veterans for Peace (VFP) in Boston to give a voice to the large number of active duty service people and veterans who are against this war, but are under various pressures to remain silent.

From its inception, IVAW has called for:

* Immediate withdrawal of all occupying forces in Iraq;
* Reparations for the destruction and corporate pillaging of Iraq so that Iraqi people can control their own lives and future; and
* Full benefits, adequate healthcare (including mental health), and other supports for returning servicemen and women.

Today, IVAW members are in 43 states, Washington, D.C., Canada, and on numerous bases overseas, including Iraq. IVAW currently has 17 chapters around the country and in Canada. IVAW members educate the public about the realities of the Iraq war by speaking in communities and to the media about their experiences. Members also dialogue with youth in classrooms about the realities of military service. IVAW supports all those resisting the war, including Conscientious Objectors and others facing military prosecution for their refusal to fight. IVAW advocates for full funding for the Veterans Administration, and full quality health treatment (including mental health) and benefits for veterans when they return from duty. For more information, or ways to help visit: www.ivaw.org

HAPPENINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED

NWA PRIDE CELEBRATIONS A SUCCESS

Article By Chris Hannon from the GLBT Community Center Website

A newly formed organization, NWA Pride, organized this year’s NWA Gay Pride Celebrations in Fayetteville, AR with the support and help of many local GLBT organizations and volunteers from the surrounding area. This year’s Gay Pride Celebrations kicked off with Pride Services offered by the Universalist Unitarian Fellowship of Fayetteville and Interweave on June 24th. On June 29th, NWA Pride and Tangerine Bar hosted the "Miss NWA Gay Pride 07 Pageant" where 6 contestants vied for the title. Miss "Cameo Dixon", took home the $250 grand prize and was escorted in a red convertible the next day during the NWA Gay Pride Parade. The parade began on W. Meadow Street and proceeded down N. East Street then continued on to W. Dixon Street with...
Grand Marshall Randi Romo of CAR in the lead. The NWA Gay Pride Parade grew to 4 blocks of floats, flags, banners and Gay Pride celebrants and ended at the Walton Arts Center parking lot where a short rally was held with speakers from CAR, Campus Greens, the NWA GLBT Community Center and a few other organizations.

Immediately following the parade, NWA Gay Pride celebrants gathered at the U of A's Agricultural Park in Fayetteville for the NWA Gay Pride Picnic sponsored by the NWA GLBT Community Center. The Community Center sold grilled food as a fundraiser and several surrounding organizations set up information booths. Quite a few very talented people from the crowd of around 100 stepped up to the Dance Enhance Karaoke Booth to sing while neighbors and friends got to know each other and celebrate our Gay Pride.

Plans are already in the works to make next year's NWA Gay Pride Celebrations even bigger and better. If you are interested in getting involved please contact Ken Boyle and visit the NWA Pride website. www.nwaglbtcc.org

THE COST OF WAR

Casualties in Iraq
The Human Cost of Occupation
Edited by Margaret Griffis :: Contact

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Source for Casualties of War: http://www.antiwar.com/casualties/

IRAQI CIVILIAN BODY COUNT

Civilians reported killed by military intervention in Iraq

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Source of Iraqi Civilian Body Count: http://www.iraqbodycount.net/

Cost of the War in Iraq
$441,496,930 and counting

Source of Cost of War: http://nationalpriorities.org

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  Lowell office: 479-725-0400. Fax: 479-725-0408, 213 W. Monroe, Suite K, 72745. Stacy McLure, Deputy Chief of Staff (STACEY.McCLURE@MAIL.HOUSE.GOV) Web site (with contact link): http://www.boozman.house.gov/ 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.
    DC address: 1708 Longworth House Office Bldng., Washington, DC 20515; 202-225-4301.