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According to the Neo-cons who currently hold most of the power in this country, we are the enemy. And if we don’t meet their challenge, then we are our own worst enemy. We can rant against this administration and a congress either unable or unwilling to check it, but the reality is that we are the government. We have to look seriously at every possible effective means of taking back the reins of power. I urge you to go to the Forum for the discussion of Naomi Wolf’s Book: The End of America – A Citizen’s Call to Action. (see in calendar). See the information from moveon.org about the 2008 election and information about the impeachment of Dick Cheney from UFPJ in this newsletter. And for quick action that you can take right away, read the suggestion below from Coralie Koonce.

MILITARY COMMISSIONS ACT AND GUANTANAMO

86 days separate two infamous dates: October 17 the anniversary of the Military Commissions Act and January 11 the anniversary of the first detainee held at Guantanamo Bay. Both dates represent torture, indefinite detention, guilty until proven innocent. For more info. and action, see www.amnestyusa.org

VICE-PRESIDENT TO BE IN LITTLE ROCK

Vice-President Dick Cheney will attend a GOP fundraiser in Little Rock November 16. If you are in Little Rock that day, join the protesters. Contact antje@aristotle.net

HORTON HEARS A WHO CAMPAIGN

From Coralie Koonce

Let me pass along an idea I’ve heard as a way to break through the apathy concerning the extremely dangerous possibility of our bombing Iran and starting a real “clash of civilizations” or Armageddon. On Saturday, November 17, exactly at noon, people are to go out on their porches or front sidewalk and yell “No War!” Just once. Or if they’re on the street shopping or whatever, they can yell it from there, or from the open windows of their cars. And the same thing every Saturday at noon from then on. The expectation is that more and more people will join in, all across the country. It requires very little effort or time commitment, yet gets people more aware and engaged. You could call it the Horton Hears a Who campaign. If you remember the Dr. Seuss story, it took all the little people yelling at once to get heard and avert the danger. If you like the idea, pass it on to your lists.
Omni/Community Access Television (C.A.T.) Connections

www.catfayetteville.com

How You Can Use the Community Media Center:
1) Produce a TV Show! Let your creativity reign and watch your own show air on CAT television.
2) Take a class! Learn how to use a video camera, work the studio equipment and edit projects.
3) Be on TV! With your own short takes or star in someone else’s show.
4) Save a special day in your life! Have the professional CAT crew shoot and edit your event.
5) Sponsor a show! Send in footage from other Community Access stations to air locally here in Fayetteville.
6) Get involved! Join the community access community. Use the electronic Community Message Board.

Joe Carnes Guinn Series on Critical Thinking Joe Carnes Guinn–Even More Slants

Tuesday, 11/13 4:30 pm
Thursday, 11/15 7:30pm

Omni C.A.T. Forum Schedule:
Tuesdays, 10/30 and 11/06 6:00p.m. Democracy NOW!
Thursdays, 11/01 and 11/15 6:00p.m. Democracy NOW!
Friday 11/02 6:00p.m. Democracy NOW!

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

FSTV broadcast schedule:
3:00 am Daily

Amy Goodman Online - You can listen/watch previous Democracy Now programs by internet streaming from Democracy Now website http://democracynow.org Previous programs (going back many years) are archived there. You can watch the current program (after they post it about noon) by going to http://democracynow.org/streampage.pl

The Activist Studio - These are broadcast times for The Activist Studio [ep 1] on Free Speech TV [DISH Network - channel 9415].
Note all times are Eastern Standard.
Wednesday November 14 @ 1:30pm; 11:30pm
Thursday November 15 @ 6:30am
Sunday November 18 @ 12:30pm
Tuesday November 20 @ 1:30am
The Activist Studio brings together activists and non-profits to talk about their projects, issues, hurdles, and success stories. Host Ashara Ekundayo talks with immigrant rights activists Luis Espinoza from the United Food and Commercial Workers, and Jordan Garcia from the American Friends Service Committee.

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, 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:
Cat Community News: October 29, 9:00 pm - Replay of October 17th
Bill Moyers Journal on PBS, Fridays, 9:00p.m.
http://www.pbs.org/moyers/journal/index-flash.html
For More Information about the US/Iran status, you can visit
http://www.buzzflash.com/search/?Query=iran or BBC at
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle_east/default.stm

OMNI CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS
--November 17, Wednesday, 6:30-9:00p.m., No End In Sight Screening, Room B102, Shewmaker Center, 1100 SE Eagle Way, Bentonville - This film is an insider’s account of “incompetence, recklessness, and venality,” the film describes Iraq’s “descent into guerilla war, warlord rule, criminality, and anarchy.” Time Magazine has called the film “Without a doubt the most important film you are likely to see this year.” The reviews have been overwhelmingly favorable. Richard Roeper gave it “two very big thumbs up,” Newsweek recommended that it be required viewing for every member of Congress, and the Chicago Tribune said “it may be the best film of the year.” The film will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. and will be followed by a discussion. Admission is free.
For additional information, contact Edrene McKay (479) 855-6836.

--November 18, Sunday, 6:30P.M. HOWL: Women's Open Mic at Nightbird Books, Old Mill Building, Corner of School and 6th Streets, Fayetteville - 2007 HOWL SOMETHING NEW: You haven’t been in a while and you know you miss it... so come back to HOWL. (We miss you.) The November Challenge: WRITE something BRAND NEW and share it with HOWL!
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 in Fayetteville, AR.

SPONSORED BY OMNI: CENTER FOR PEACE, JUSTICE, AND ECOLOGY
--November 25, Sunday, 7:00p.m.  Video Underground, United Campus Ministries, 902 W. Maple, Fayetteville - The Corporation
Since the late 18th century American legal decision that the business corporation organizational model is legally a person, it has become a dominant economic, political and social force around the globe. This film takes an in-depth psychological examination of the organization model through various case studies. What the study illustrates is that in the behavior, this type of "person" typically acts like a dangerously destructive psychopath without conscience. Furthermore, we see the profound threat this psychopath has for our world and our future, but also how the people with courage, intelligence and determination can do to stop it. (Taken from imdb.com) Runtime: 145 min.

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/

--November 27, Tuesday, 7:00p.m, A Forum on Naomi Wolf’s book, The End of America: A Citizen’s Call to Action. United Campus Ministry, 902 W. Maple, (Corner of Maple and Storer, Parking on Maple, Storer, campus parking lot a block north as well as behind UCM). - Five citizens in the humanities will discuss the new book by Naomi Wolf, where she describes ten steps dictators have taken to shut down a democratic, open society—from Mussolini, Hitler, and Stalin to Pinochet. Each of those ten steps is now under way in the United States today. The book is an impassioned call to return to the aspirations and beliefs of the Founding Fathers for a nation of, by, and for the people. PANELISTS: Addie Adamson, Ed.D. professor of English for 40+ years, taught the last seven as a teacher of English as A Second Language at the U of A, Fayetteville. Claire Detels is UA Professor in Music History and Humanities active in arts education reform and feminist theory; keyboard performer and director of the Butcher-Detels Four-Hand Duo; author of Music in the Western Tradition and Soft Boundaries: Re-Visioning the Arts and Aesthetics in American Education. Thomas C. Kennedy is UA Professor Emeritus of History Emeritus) and former Chair. He was President and Program Chair (three times) of Western Conference on British Studies, President of the Friends Historical Society (Great Britain, 1995), and Distinguished Alumnus, University of Dayton (1989). His publications include: British Quakerism, 1860-1920 and A History of the No-Conscription Fellowship, 1914-1919. Leonard Schulte was raised Catholic in a small town in southwestern Missouri, attended seminary for six years, and became highly skeptical of his religious belief. He studied philosophy at three
different universities, most recently at the University of Arkansas from 1989 to 1993, where he completed all degree requirements for a Doctorate except for the dissertation. He has since taught philosophy courses, including Introduction to Philosophy and Introduction to Ethics and Logic, at North West Arkansas Community College. Doug Thompson is a reporter and columnist for The Morning News of Northwest Arkansas and for the Arkansas News Bureau. The bureau provides state government news for newspapers in Fort Smith, Jonesboro, Conway, Pine Bluff and other regions of the state. He is a resident of Fayetteville, where he contributes a column to the Fayetteville Free Weekly. He’s a long-standing critic of the current administration’s policies on domestic spying and use of torture, among its other intelligence-gathering failures. MODERATOR: Dick Bennett is UA Professor Emeritus in English, co-founder of the OMNI Center for Peace, Justice and Ecology, and compiler of Peace Movement Directory.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS---UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

--November 16-18, Vigil and Nonviolent Direct Action to Close the School of the Americas (SOA/ WHINSEC) - On the weekend of November 16-18, thousands will gather at the gates of Fort Benning, Georgia for the Vigil and the Nonviolent Direct Action to Close the School of the Americas. Take a Stand for Justice! The weekend will include a massive rally, nonviolent direct action training, workshops, benefit concerts, puppet shows, teach-ins and more! Reservations need to made now for lodging. For more information, visit www.soawatch.org

--Wattle Hollow in November:

Dharma Day   - Saturday, November 17th, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

A day of silent Buddhist meditation, in the tradition known as Insight meditation. We'll do sitting, walking, lovingkindness (metta) practices. Beginners are welcome, and full instruction will be offered. Lunch is potluck; Wattle Hollow provides the brown rice and peppermint tea. Call Joy Fox at 479-225-2381 or check wattlehollow.com for more information. No charge for this event.

Giving of Thanks  - Saturday, November 24th

An annual celebration at Wattle Hollow, including poetry share at 1 p.m., community potluck feast at 4 p.m., and giving thanks for our lives, via prayer, song, dance, poetry at 5:30. Check wattlehollow.com for directions and more information or call Joy at 479-225-2381.

--From the Meditation Blogsite (www.readwrite.typepad.com/meditation)

Geshe la and Rinzin are creating a sand mandala at the Jones Family Center: Stop by the meditation blogsite (www.readwrite.typepad.com/meditation) for details.

1)The mandala at the Jones Center has begun, and will close on November 14 at 7:00 p.m.

2)The second film of the Tibetan Film Series, “Dharma River,” will be shown on November 20 at 7:00 p.m. in Giffels Auditorium (not on November 14 as originally scheduled.)

3)Jampa Kalsang, a Tibetan doctor, will be lecturing in Giffels on November 12 at 7:00 p.m.
Professor Sidney Burris and Geshe Dorjee will offer their course on the history and practice of non-violence in the Spring of 2008. The course will meet every Tuesday night from 6:00-8:50 p.m. in Old Main. HIST 399V (Special Topics, 3 hours credit): "Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Dalai Lama: The Fate of Non-Violence in the 21st Century."

Course Description:
This course will examine the history of non-violence by studying the careers of Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Dalai Lama. Professor Burris will provide the socio-historical lectures surrounding these three figures, while Geshe Dorjee will teach the philosophy and practice of non-violence that directed the lives of these three extraordinary individuals. The course will familiarize the students not only with the philosophical context for these revolutionary ideas, but will also examine the historical consequences of its practice, from India's fight for independence to the Civil Rights movement in America. The course will conclude with an in-depth examination of the community of Tibetans in exile as they are currently being led by the Dalai Lama. A substantial component of the course will also be given to understanding how the principles of non-violence might be profitably adopted in our own lives as cogent responses to the political and social crises that are erupting both here in America and abroad. Aside from anthologies of work by Gandhi and King, a selection of other books and films central to an understanding of non-violence will be consulted.

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

LOCALLY:

NEW OFFICERS FOR OMNI UA CHAPTER
The University of Arkansas Chapter of Omni has elected new officers for the coming year. Officers: President – Olivia Meeks; Vice President – Neema Iyer; Treasurer – Michael Bollero; Director of Communications – Jay Gates; Director of Office – Emma Neal. Thanks to Stephen Coger who was the driving force in organizing a UA campus chapter and has been a strong leader in the peace movement both on campus and in the community.

OMNI LOOKING FOR A TV READER
Would you want to get experience speaking at a TV station? OMNI needs someone to read from our newsletters 5 minutes at CAT every other week (OMNI News), and/or tell about a book (OMNI Book Sampler) and/or express an opinion (OMNI Commentary).

CHRIS DELACRUZ CREATES A NEW WEBLOG FOR OMNI CENTER FORUMS
Chris Delacruz has created a new weblog for Omni Center Forums (http://omni-forums.blogspot.com/) which includes the one coming up for Naomi Wolf's book - The End of America: A Citizen's Call to Action. Those interested in adding relevant information to this weblog, please contact Chris at chrisdelacruz2000@yahoo.com.

A LINK TO PHOTOS FROM OMNI FOLKS
SPEAK YOUR MIND, AND DIRECT YOUR MESSAGE

There is a toll free number (877-COAL-911) that records audio files and emails them to Public Citizen. We can then forward messages to the appropriate entity. I've attached the voicemail box outgoing messages for your review

- If you are calling about the TURK plant in Arkansas, and want to leave a message for Governor Bebbe press 1.
- If you wish to leave a message for the Arkansas Public Service Commission press 2.
- If you want to learn more about the plant press 3
- If you are calling about NRG Limestone plant in Texas and need information about a public meeting on November 15th, press 4
- If you have requested a public hearing or a contested case hearing press 5.
- If you have a question about the plant, press 6,
- If you would like to learn about the plant emissions, press 7.

For additional information about coal fired power plant expansions in Texas visit www.stopthecoalplant.org.

Robert McAfee
Climate Change Messenger
2610 W Hackett Rd, Hackett, AR 72937
[479]638-0035 [479]462-8834
Answering the Call—theclimateproject.org
Program based on Al Gore’s An Inconvenient Truth an amazingly short number of days,

BETSY WRIGHT ORGANIZING GIFTS FOR DEATH ROW INMATES

It will be time for Christmas and seasonal celebrations by each of you, as well as by Arkansas’s death row inmates.

I am coordinating the production of a bag for each guy to contain two t-shirts, two pairs of socks, pads of writing paper, writing pens, pre-stamped envelopes, hot chocolate mix, and some nuts and candies. (How I wish we could add a couple of oranges and apples, but they are forbidden fruits, as the prison management says some inmates make wine from them!)

In addition, the Dept. of Correction has made a contract with one of its commissary vendors to offer a food sack for relatives and friends to give to an inmate. The maximum sack costs $111.00. Ten of the 38 guys on the Row have someone who will buy the sack for them as a gift. With your help, we will see to it that the remaining 28 men also receive a food sack.
So, I am asking for your help in putting together enough money to make both of these Holiday and Christmas sacks possible. Any contribution will be helpful and my gratitude will be enormous! Checks should be made out to me please.

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925-4443 fax

OMNI VICTIMS, NONVIOLENCE, WHISTLEBLOWER, INVESTIGATIVE REPORTERS COLLECTION IN UA’S MULLINS LIBRARY

The collection now contains 263 items. You can browse the complete list of available titles by searching the subject Nonviolent Peacemaking and Victims of Violence and Wars in InfoLinks, the Libraries’ online catalog.

The current endowment is $63,092.34. Since fiscal year 2003-04, a total of $9,317 has been spent to help cover the cost of the books and films. Mullins hopes to continue to purchase items at the rate of approximately $3,200 per year from the interest of the endowment.

ADVERTISE YOUR EVENTS ON THE OMNI WEBSITE

The OMNI website is an untapped resource for Omni volunteers. We’d really like to advertise what you’re doing. The more OMNI is known in the community, the more visits we get from members of the press gathering information about projects and upcoming events, and we want yours to be there.

Omni has an interactive calendar where you can self-post your information. Click on the calendar link, and it walks you through the simple posting process. Please use it whenever you have an event or project that you think will be of interest to Omni members.

If you are working on an Omni-Sponsored event, we’d like to put a front-page link to your poster or flyer, and more detailed information.

To post Omni-sponsored events, email your flyers, posters and press releases to Melanie melaniedietzel@cox.net, Gladys gladystiffany@yahoo.com, or Dick jbennet@uark.edu, and we’ll help you get it posted.

Once your event is over, please notify us to remove it from the webpage. The webmaster only removes items when we tell him that they need to come off. We hope that you’ll take advantage of this resource.

2008 $500 ANNUAL OMNI CRITICAL THINKING AWARDS
FOR TEACHERS IN WASHINGTON AND BENTON COUNTIES, ARKANSAS

What is Critical Thinking?

Critical Thinking is the use of knowledge, facts, science, evidence, logic to evaluate and understand ideas and information, to detect falsehood, and to form conclusions, judgments, and inferences.

Why do we need it?
Today, more than ever before, we are bombarded with commercial and political propaganda. Clear Thinking enables us to decide if what we read and hear is true, factual, biased, or manipulative. Clear Thinking also enables us to recognize our own fallacious thinking, biases, and assumptions. Reasoning together through knowledge and language is an alternative to violence. The practice of Critical Thinking helps, by creating active, informed citizens, invigorates democracy. “Critical thinking skills” imply an ability to analyze ideas, stories, claims, and assertions both through relevant, factual knowledge and by training in analysis and by being able to think for oneself. Independent mindedness and autonomy have long been considered essential to a democracy since President Jefferson.

These awards are sponsored by OMNI Center for Peace, Justice, and Ecology. We at OMNI are devoted to the advancement of reasoned contemplation and conversation about issues that affect our community and world. We seek to extend the influence of reason and informed debate. The deadline for nominations is May 1, 2008.

INVITATIONS TO TEACHERS, THE OMNI CRITICAL THINKING AWARDS

Washington and Benton counties public school teachers from all disciplines are invited to fill out an application and submit materials about their teaching of Critical Thinking. The awards recognize both specific teaching units or projects and teachers who incorporate clear thinking into their everyday classes.

County committees of local citizens chosen from various walks of life will evaluate the applications. When the committee has made its decision, OMNI will offer one $500 award to the Washington County teacher and one $500 award to the Benton Country teacher who has been selected as the most outstanding. (More information is available on OMNI’s website (www.omnicenter.org). Also contact the coordinators: Lynda Haley-Brothers, Washington County (teacherhuman@cox.net) and Carole Westby, Benton County (westbyforhouse98@cox.net).

RECRUITING OPT-OUT FORMS

Parents and Teens - Information That You Need

Hi Omni folk. Do you have a teenager in high school this fall? Do you know someone else who does? If so, be sure they know about the dark side of "No Child Left Behind." Remind your friends that, as part of NCLB Act, the contact information of all 18 year olds is packed up and sent to the Pentagon for military recruiting, UNLESS the teen or his/her parent or guardian sends in a form that opts them out of the system—an “Opt Out Form”. Prior to this provision, many of the nation’s high schools refused recruiters’ requests for students’ names or access to campus because they believed it was inappropriate.

Now all high schools that rely on federal funding must aid the Pentagon in targeting minors to coerce them into entering the military. However, if parents or student fill out a written request form, the students name can be removed from the list provided to the Pentagon.

This form is supposed to be available in every high school, but it sometimes “gets lost.” You can find the forms in English and Spanish on Omni’s website at: www.omnicenter.org

There are other sites where you can find versions of the forms, and lots more information about recruiting practices. They include:

- American Friends Service Committee: www.afsc.org/youthmil/
NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY

UFPJ CALL TO ACTION: IMPEACHMENT - HOUSE RESOLUTION 799/333

There’s almost always some strange twist to how things move through Congress. The most recent example was just this past Tuesday, November 6th, when 165 Republicans voted to force a debate on the impeachment of Vice President Dick Cheney, and Democrats voted against it. Somehow both parties thought that an open debate about the crimes of Dick Cheney would embarrass the Democrats.

Here is what happened: As promised, Rep. Dennis Kucinich (OH) requested a floor vote on H.Res. 799 (formerly H.Res. 333), a bill he had introduced to move a process to impeach Vice President Dick Cheney. Rep. Steny Hoyer—who as Majority Leader is in the second highest position in the House—moved to table the bill. Then all hell broke loose, as 165 Republicans voted with Rep. Kucinich and 85 other brave Democrats to force a debate on impeachment.

Determined to block that debate, Rep. Hoyer moved to send H.Res. 799 back to the Judiciary Committee. That motion passed with the support of all but 5 Democrats (Kucinich, Bob Filner, Marcy Kaptur, Maxine Waters, and Ed Towns). Read a live blog of the proceedings here.

United for Peace and Justice recognizes the significance of this development, and we urge you to help move this process forward. Here are some things you can do:

1. Call the House Judiciary Committee at 202-225-3951 and demand full and thorough hearings on H.Res. 799/333.


3. If you live in the district of a House Judiciary Committee member, call his or her office and say that you’re a constituent and you want immediate hearings on H.Res. 799/333. You can also join a local Congressional District Impeachment Committee and organize activities to keep the pressure on your representative, with letters to the editor, calls to local radio talk shows, and pointed questions at every community forum attended by your representative.

4. If your representative is not on the House Judiciary Committee, call and ask him or her to co-sponsor H.Res. 799/333. (Click here to find his or her office phone numbers.) If your rep is one of the 22 who have already co-sponsored H.Res. 333, call and offer your thanks! and urge him or her push for immediate hearings on H.Res. 799/333 in the House Judiciary Committee.
5. Start a media campaign, including op-ed articles on impeaching Cheney, letters-to-the-editor about the Kucinich resolution, and informational picketing in front of the offices of local media. Click here to find a media activism kit.

GETTING READY FOR THE 2008 ELECTION
FROM MOVEON.ORG

Why not leave voter turnout to the parties and candidates? Because we believe it’s going to take a sustained progressive movement to get principled leaders elected and then hold them accountable on our issues. As the late Sen. Paul Wellstone said, "Electoral politics is one crucial way we contest for power in America, and progressives need to get better at it."

Why start this early? So we have time to add innovations to boost our program even further, including:

- Cutting-edge new technology to connect volunteers directly with people who might not vote without a reminder
- Fun and effective house parties to reach more voters—modeled on our 2006 calling parties
- "Microtargeting," a sophisticated targeting technique to find every progressive voter, even those in Republican neighborhoods
- A huge program to persuade swing voters and independents to vote our way
- A new effort to reach people who vote by mail, and make sure they hear from us as early as possible

We’ll also work with our allies in the progressive movement to get every vote counted—and stop dirty Election Day tricks. But the best defense is a good offense. If progressives turn out in unprecedented numbers, the election won’t be close enough for those dirty tricks to change the outcome.

From Adam Ruben, MoveOn.org Political Action” <moveon-help@list.moveon.org>

SUNLIGHT FOUNDATION OFFERING MINI-GRANTS

The Sunlight Foundation is offering “mini-grants” of $1,000 to $5,000 to fund original ideas, tools, Web sites and bloggers. Anyone want to blog about Rep. John Boozman. See http://www.sunlightfoundation.com/grants/minigrantapplication

It has a segment about Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid Confirming Mukasey in “Midnight Massacre”

IPCRI PEACE EDUCATION WORKSHOP

On January 4-5, 2008 IPCRI (the Israel/Palestine Center for Research and Information) will be convening a two-day workshop on peace education. The Workshop will bring together peace educators, curricula writers, encounter facilitators, peace studies practitioners, conflict resolution practitioners, mediators, and activists from academia, research sector, governmental and community organizations and others from Israel, Palestine and beyond.

The Workshop will be a tremendous opportunity for dialogue, debate and visioning with collaboration and cooperation between the body of theory and practice. The Workshop will be
meeting grounds for dialogue and mutual learning from the field of peace education from the viewpoint of academia and from the field of practitioners. The Workshop will raise critical issues and acquire new insights into the profound peace education developments in Israel, Palestine and around the world. Furthermore, the Workshop will provide an excellent opportunity to build connections across multi-disciplinary sectors.

Main Themes for the Workshop

- Moving from a Culture of hate to a culture of peace
- Resources for peace educators
- Peace education curricula - research and development
- Coping with existing curricula in Israel and Palestine
- Using media in peace education
- Using the arts in peace education
- Virtual Peace education - using the internet in peace education
- Peace education in the informal educational arena - youth centers, youth movements, clubs, etc.
- Institutionalizing peace education - confronting the formal education systems

Participation - Call for Abstracts

IPCRI is calling on potential participants to submit an abstract for making a presentation at the workshop. This is not a formal academic conference therefore; abstracts will be evaluated on a wider basis than the normal academic criteria. We are looking for creative, exciting and innovative approaches to peace education.

For more information on cost and registration, visit Gershon@ipcri.org Or fax to: 02-676-8011

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

A PICTURE’S WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS

Visit www.oct27.org to see a lot of activity all across our country that took place on Oct. 27. The protest is rising. Let's make it grown here. Join OMNI and amplify your voice.

Visit http://www.flickr.com/photos/omnipix/tags/delciekincaidpix/ to see photos of Ann Wright’s visit and candlelight vigil take by Delcie Kincaid

UFPJ DAY OF ACTIONS

United for Peace and Justice organized demonstrations across the country by regions on October 27. Omni members who were not able to travel to New Orleans, the nearest regional demonstration, joined members of the Arkansas Coalition for Peace and Justice and WAND on the streets of Little Rock. Seven Fayetteville Omni members made the trip to Little Rock to join in the nation-wide demonstration against the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. To see coverage of the events of the day, visit www.oct27.org.

OMNI OPEN PEACE MIC HIGHLIGHTS DUANE CARR’S NEW CD
Another wonderful program took place on Sunday November 4. Kelly and Donna brought us some Woody Guthrie, and Duane Carr (with Kelly and Donna) sang from his newest CD: All proceeds of CD sales are to go to OMNI. Thank you Duane. Jay Ross, “No Matter What We’ve Learned.” Bill Orton, “Peace and Guns.” John Rule, “Fear.” Dan Dean and Laura Kelly, “Give Peace a Chance” (new version). Kelly and Donna, “All.” Carl Barnwell. Larry Faulk. Dan and Laura again. If you didn’t attend, you missed a zinger show. And a cake you that prefigured heaven, if I say so myself.

Notes from Dick Bennett

LOCAL CONNECTIONS

Link Carries Interactive Calendar of Events in Northwest Arkansas—

http://northwestarkansasevents.blogspot.com/

- Farmers’ Market Schedules
- 2007-2008 Razorback Football Schedule
- Fayetteville Society of Friends (a.k.a. the Quaker... 
- Northwest Arkansas Sustainability Center
- Northwest Arkansas Buddhists
- Omni Center for Peace, Justice and Ecology
- Interfaith and Astronomical
- Combined Northwest Arkansas Event Calendar

Original and gathered articles from Dick Bennett are at http://jamesrichardbennett.blogspot.com/ Mike Tramill has an email network (list) on political issues, including the latest developments on possible war or invasion with Iran. You may contact Mike at wheeler65@gmail.com if you want to be on the list.

Richard Drake continues his Fayetteville blog, street jazz, at http://www.arktimes.com/blogs/streetjazz/

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THE COST OF WAR

Casualties in Iraq

The Human Cost of Occupation

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American Deaths

Since war began (3/19/03):
Since "Mission Accomplished" (5/1/03) (the list)

| Since Capture of Saddam (12/13/03):  | 3399 | 2863 |
| Since Handover (6/29/04): | 3001 | 2536 |
| Since Election (1/31/05): | 2423 | 2273 |

| American Wounded | Official | Estimated |
| Total Wounded: | 28451 | 23000 - 100000 |

Latest Fatality Nov. 9, 2007

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IRAQI CIVILIAN BODY COUNT

Civilians reported killed by military intervention in Iraq

MIN. MAX.
76,585* 83,435*

Source of Iraqi Civilian Body Count: http://www.iraqbodycount.net/
*A body count of Iraqi civilian deaths was published in the medical journal *The Lancet* last year; its estimate was 600,000 (min) to 650,000 (max).

Cost of the War in Iraq

$468,000,000,000 and counting

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

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