OMNI CENTER---UPCOMING EVENTS, MEETINGS and CALENDAR

Omni/C.A.T. Connections

Omni C.A.T. Forum Schedule:

- Tuesdays, April 2 and 9, 6:00p.m. (“The Invisible Children” Forum – Three Fayetteville High School students discuss why they took on the School to Schools Project to help save the children of Uganda. The film “The Invisible Children” is aired as part of the forum. Produced by Moshe and Hamsa Newmark, this is a forum that you don’t want to miss).
- Thursdays, April 5 and 12, 6:00p.m. (“The Invisible Children” Forum)
- Saturday, April 7 and 14, 2:00p.m. (“The Invisible Children” Forum)

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.

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 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 Omni Events appearing on C.A.T.:

- Thursday, March 22, 10:00p.m. - Omni Membership Meeting 2007
- Friday, March 23, 2:00p.m. - Omni Membership Meeting 2007

Other Special Programming on C.A.T.:

- April 4, Wednesday, 4:00p.m. and April 5, Thursday, 2:00p.m. “Rompendo el Silencio” - A rape prevention and awareness program for Spanish-speaking viewers, will be shown on Community Access
Television.
The program features Roxanna Rosa and Ceney Brenes, of the Sexual Assault Recovery and Prevention Agency, based in Springdale. The producer of the program is Richard S. Drake. The director is C.F. Roberts. Information about additional showings can be obtained by calling C.A.T. at 444-3433, or by checking C.A.T.'s website at www.catfayetteville.com. Community Access Television is shown on Channel 18 of the Cox Channel line-up in Fayetteville.

Programming on Other Channels Worth Checking Out:

"Novel Reflections: The American Dream," Wednesday, April 4, 8:00p.m. - The inequities that belie the American Dream. AETN

"Life Below the Line: The World Poverty Crisis," TV Special hosted by Bryant Gumbel, Friday, April 6, 3:00p.m. on the CW network.

"Black Gold," Tuesday, April 10, 9:00p.m. - Some are fabulously enriched, others impoverished by the coffee business, here is one person's struggle for fair trade. AETN

"America at a Crossroads" series, hosted by Robert MacNeil, Sundays, April 15-April 20, 8:00p.m. - Challenges confronting the world post-9/11. AETN

"Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room," Tuesday, April 24, 9:00p.m. - How execs. stole over a billion dollars. AETN

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

--APRIL IS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH--

--March 30, Friday - April 10, Tuesday - Senate Easter/Passover recess
--March 30, Friday - April 16, Monday - House Easter/Passover recess
--April 2, Monday, 7:00p.m., M11 Committee Follow-Up Meeting, Unitarian Universalist Annex, Corner of Storer and Cleveland, Fayetteville.
--April 2, Monday - Passover begins at sundown - Observed in the Jewish Community
--April 6, Friday - Good Friday - Observed in the Christian Community
--April 7, Saturday, Omni Table at Farmers' Market - Once again Omni will have an information table at the Fayetteville Farmer's Market on Saturday Mornings. We always have plenty of information to share, petitions to sign. What we need are volunteers to staff the table. If you can give an hour or two of your time to spread the word about peace, justice and saving our planet, please contact Melanie Dietzel 442-8600 or melaniedietzel@cox.net
--April 7 – World Health Day celebrated by the 191 member countries of the World Health Organization to emphasize significant issues in public health of worldwide concern.
--April 8, Sunday - Easter - Observed in the Christian Community
--April 8, Sunday, 6:30p.m., Video Underground: The Road to Guantánamo, United Campus Ministries, 902 W. Maple, Fayetteville - The first look inside the world's most notorious prison. This film is a terrifying account of three British citizens who were held for two years without charges in the American military prison at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba. Directed by Michael Winterbottom and Mat Whitecross. 2006, 95 min.

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


--April 14, Saturday, 5:00p.m., Omni Center Volunteer Appreciation Picnic, Agri Park on N. Garland - OMNI will provide Hotdogs - regular and vegetarian, buns, condiments (ketchup, mustard, relish), bottled water, paper plates, cups, forks & spoons, napkins, several ice chests with ice. Please bring side dishes, salads, desserts, chips, etc. Also, bring lawn chairs, blankets, balls, frisbees, lawn games, etc. as well as musical instruments, if anyone is so inclined. This is an opportunity for folks to get to know each other better, and to learn about the good work being done on various committees. Committee leaders can bring flyers and try to recruit more volunteers. Share info, invite people to help, but mostly know that the purpose of this quarterly get-together is to say BRAVO! to all our great volunteers/members, get to know their families, and bask in the glow of our “Culture of Peace” that we’re all working so hard to create. We are all so busy putting in the work; it’s time to just relax and enjoy a lovely family picnic.

--April 14, Saturday - Vaisakhi (Solar New Year) – Observed in the Hindu Community

--April 15, Sunday - or, if it falls on the weekend, the following Monday is the deadline for Americans to file their tax returns - post offices across the United States stay open until midnight.

--April 15, 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.

--April 19, Thursday, Omni Steering Committee Meeting, United Campus Ministries, 902 W. Maple, Fayetteville (5:30p.m.: Potluck, 6:00p.m. Business Meeting)

--April 21, 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? One of our exhibits is a “Global Warming Survival Maze” to discover the extraordinarily large amount of CO2 that we are all personally contributing, and, how to cut it down. You can find the answers to three simple questions and receive a package of free Compact Florescent Bulbs along with instructions on how to recycle them. We have lots of other elements as well-- the sound system will be powered by on site solar collectors. There will be a children’s tent, lots of tables from other organizations, and displays. We need several refrigerator boxes. We will need LOTS of hands on the 21st. For more information on how you can get involved, contact Jamie Ulick 442-0573 or jamesulick@aol.com

--April 22, Sunday, Earth Day, World Peace Wetland Prairie - Join us for a lovely spring afternoon of planting, clearing and weeding and enjoy the beauty of the butterfly garden. The best way to celebrate Earth Day is to work in the earth. For more information, contact Dick Bennett
442-4600 or jbennet@uark.edu

--April 26, Thursday, John Seed Lecture, Fayetteville - Check this space in the next issue for details

--April 30, Monday, Medea Benjamin, U of A, Workshop and Lecture - Check this space in the next issue for details

--May 6, Sunday, 7:00p.m., Omni Open MIC for Peace, Deep End of United Campus Ministries, 902 W. Maple, Fayetteville, AR - This will be the last open mic of the season.

Bring your poems and songs, or other poets' or songwriters' works about Peace, Social Justice or Ecology.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS---UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

-- April 4, Wednesday, 7:30p.m., Nadi Cinema, the Middle East Film Club, Mullins Library 104 - Series resumes with "Gabbeh" by one of Iran's great directors, Mohsen Makhmalbaf -- a lyrical tale of forbidden love told by a beautiful woman who rides out of a folkloric carpet (gabbeh). Official selection at the 1996 Cannes and New York film festivals. "A saga of powerful passion" (NYT) -- Farsi with English subtitles 75 minutes.

--April 5, Thursday, La Maison Des Tarts, 481 S. School, Fayetteville - ACLU Spring Banquet, 6:00 PM cash bar (wine only), 7:00 PM Dinner. Nationally syndicated political columnist Gene Lyons will be guest speaker at the annual ACLU Spring Banquet. Lyons is the author of several books, has been an editor at Newsweek and Texas Monthly, and won the National Magazine Award for Public Service. He is well known for his keen observations of the national political scene, so we can expect an interesting and lively conversation.

Board Elections:

The Northwest Arkansas Chapter of the ACLU of Arkansas nominating committee is pleased to announce the following candidates for the open positions on the chapter board: local attorney Ray Niblock; Henry Griffith of West Fork who has been a supporter of civil liberties since graduating from Central High in Little Rock in 1958. Treasurer Frank Head and Board Secretary Jake Lampkins are up for re-election. If you wish to nominate another candidate, please send the information about the candidate to Ann Heffernan, 2070 Winwood, Fayetteville, AR 72703 or email to heffernanann@aol.com. All candidates must be willing to solicit donations during the Major Gifts Campaign for the ACLU of Arkansas.

--April 9, Monday, 8a.m.-6p.m. and April 10, Tuesday, 8a.m. - 7:30p.m. - The Sexual Assault Recovery and Prevention Agency invites you to attend a Clothes Line Project for the survivors of sexual assault and in commemoration of April being Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Please come and see the many shirts with words by local survivors. The shirts will be displayed in Burns Hall at the Northwest Arkansas Community College in Bentonville. Contact: Jen Carlson, 927-1025, for questions.

--April 11, Wednesday, 6:00p.m., League of Women Voters Smart Growth Series-Global Warming - The League of Women Voters’ last program of the year in the Smart Growth series will be held on in the Walker Community Room of the Blair Library. Art Hobson, former physics professor at the University of Arkansas, will discuss global warming as it relates to local sustainability issues. Global warming and sustainable communities have been a frequent topic of discussion during the past year, beginning with the release of Al Gore's documentary, "An Inconvenient
Truth," which was followed by Wal-Mart's "green" campaign announcement. Dr. Hobson will offer an insightful analysis of broad global warming concepts and provide suggestions on local action. This program will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Walker Community Room at the Blair Public Library.

--April at Wattle Hollow Retreat Center:

   April 14th, Saturday - Nature Walk with Joe Neal.
   The walk will start at 8 a.m. sharp, though Joe will circle back up to the main hall at 10 a.m. to pick up the late sleepers. We'll finish at noon with a potluck lunch, and continue to identify birds, for those who aren't able to hike. Bring binoculars if you have them, but not necessary. No charge for this day, but please reserve ahead.

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

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

--April 26, Thursday, Annual Community Access Television FAT CAT Awards (see below)

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

--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 www.santafepeace.org.

WHAT’S GOING ON?---CURRENT EVENTS
**LOCALLY:**

**A SAFE PLACE FOR RECOVERING GLBT**

April 14, Saturday, 10a.m.-Noon, Chemical Dependency/Mental Health In Our (LGBT) Community, Diversity Weekend in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Diversity Pride Events has enlisted the help of Marty Perry, Exec Director of the Pride Institute, one of the top experts in this field. Mr. Perry will attend SPRING 2007 DIVERSITY WEEKEND and present a short ½ hour presentation for GLBTs, their Sponsors, friends and families on Saturday An hour “Recovery in Pride” self-help group style meeting for GLBTs will follow. This brief presentation will address why addictive behavior has become so prevalent in the LGBT community (studies estimate 25-50% of LGBT people struggle with an addictive behavior in their lifetime). Understanding how LGBT identity develops will guide us to what our needs may be as adults. For many, these unmet needs fuel addictive behavior and create barriers to successful recovery. Treatment, 12-Step support, and therapy will be discussed as options to overcoming addiction and leading healthier lives. Audience: LGBT and Allies attending Diversity Weekend

April 21, Saturday, 3p.m. In addition, Mr. Perry will return the following weekend during the 31st Annual "SPRINGTIME IN THE OZARKS" Convention, April 19 - 22. Audience: Mental Health Professionals, Sponsors, Allies in Recovery (Attn Mental Health Professionals and Sponsors, please try to RSVP for the presentation, so we will have an idea of size of space needed) Both presentations are completely free of charge. Please help spread the word. We welcome volunteers and encourage emails with any other resources for the GLBTI community with details and contact person/s to Recovery@diversitypride.com.

**THE CARBON CAP TASK FORCE CAN CELEBRATE; THE GOVERNOR SIGNS GLOBAL WARMING BILL**

The 'Governor's commission on Global Warming' will have 21 members, 17 appointed by the Governor, two by Senate and two by House leaders. They are to study the state of greenhouse emissions in Arkansas and make recommendations for a response by the 2009 legislative session. It looks like we will have the opportunity to suggest names to fill many of the seats in the commission and that will key to making it an effective force. We owe much thanks to Alice Lightle for her skillful work and for Bill Kopsky for his wise tactical leadership. Also, much praise should go to Kathy Webb, the representative from LR who was our lead sponsor and brought 55 co-sponsors on board. You might even want to thank her for her role in the final vote. It was not even close, 83 to 4 in the House and 32 to 3 in the Senate.

**ANNUAL COMMUNITY ACCESS TELEVISION FAT CAT AWARDS VIDEO FESTIVAL**

Have you produced a show on C.A.T. that you thought was a winner? Have you watched a show that you think deserves recognition? Nominations for the Annual FAT CAT Awards are open. All entries will be aired on Saturdays during April. Winners will be announced at the Fat Cat Awards on April 26, 2007

**OMNI CENTER OPENS NOMINATIONS FOR 2007 PEACE AND JUSTICE HEROES AWARDS**

The Omni Center for Peace, Justice and Ecology, located at United Campus Ministries, 902 W. Maple, Fayetteville, Arkansas is accepting nominations for the Fourth Annual Peace and Justice Heroes Awards.
What is a peace hero? You’ve heard of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Mahatma Gandhi. There are also ordinary citizens who are peace heroes. You know them, people or organizations who quietly go about meeting needs, serving the cause of justice, and striving to create a culture of peace for their neighborhoods and the world. These heroes inspire folks around them to explore new ideas and try new experiences. They meet real needs. They encourage new and more meaningful relationships with their neighbors and in the world. Sometimes they make headlines, usually, they don’t. The Omni Center wants to honor and celebrate individuals and organizations from around the state who contribute toward peace and justice.

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

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

NEW CLASSES BEGIN AT ART EXPERIENCE

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

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

Not only will students explore the various ways to make puppets, but will learn how to make their puppets come alive. There will be opportunities to tell stories or find old favorites that will be remade into “Fractured Fairy Tales.”

There will even be a chance to work on a giant puppet for First Night during summer puppet camp. The first class, The Hand Puppet Class begins on March 31. Call 479-442-0557 for a brochure.

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

ANNUAL SELDEN RING AWARD FOR INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM

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

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

OMNI’S 24TH BIBLIOGRAPHY OF BOOKS AND FILMS

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

OMNI MULLINS LIBRARY PEACE BOOK AND FILM COLLECTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

NATIONALLY:

A NATIONAL DIALOGUE ABOUT AMERICA’S FUTURE

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

What kind of America and what kind of world do we want to see? What are our priorities as a nation and a people? AMERICA’S DIALOGUE is the platform on which we are exploring these questions together. The centerpiece for our discussions is a new 42-minute video about Hiroshima,
nuclear weapons, nuclear waste, and the human cost of militarism and war.

Hiroshima lives with us today. It lives with us in the growing threat of nuclear proliferation and destruction. It lives with us in the degradation and pollution of our environment, and the problem of energy and global warming. It lives with us in the enormous drain of our resources away from healthcare and education. It lives with us in an embedded culture of weapons manufacture and war. It lives with us in the very real and growing threat, not only to our own, but to our children's future.

The video does not intend to provide all the answers; but, rather, to be the catalyst for a great national debate about America. During the week of April 14-22, 2007, organize a video showing/discussion with a group you know in your community, or in your home with friends. (You can view the video on this site: WWW.AMERICASDIALOGUE.ORG or on DVD). Join us in this great endeavor. Network with friends all over the country; ask them to network with their friends. Spread the story of what’s happening the WEEK OF APRIL 14-22, 2007. Email everyone you know a link to this site. For more information, please contact Jim Hilgendorf 541-484-7529 or Email: thetributeseries@comcast.net
www.americasdialogue.org. To participate in a local action, please contact Dick Bennett 442-4600 or jbennet@uark.edu

SOLDIERS SPEAK OUT

Soldiers Speak Out, featuring Dennis Kyne, Jimmey Massey, Pat Resta and many other veterans of Iraq. http://www.denniskyne.com/soldierspeakout.html is now ready for you to see and share with your friends. Get as many as you want for one shipping fee. Soldiers Speak Out is a powerful, first-hand testament to the reality of the military experience, told entirely in the words of American veterans who have been to war and are now opposing it. This half-hour documentary serves as a counter-recruitment and organizing tool for activists, schools, and organizations. It provides a sober view of the war in Iraq and an important counterpoint to the "stay-the-course" rhetoric of the Bush administration. The DVD is packed with loads of bonus footage, in addition to the documentary: 92 minutes of extended interviews with the veterans, 31 minutes of award-winning shorts: Beyond Babylon, Camp Casey, Leave My Child Alone, Looking Down, plus 27 minutes of trailers from goodfilms.org, music section, and resource section with direct weblinks to important groups and information. Visit http://www.denniskyne.com/soldiersspeakout.html to purchase today.

NONVIOLENT CHANGE SPRING ISSUE POSTED ON WEBSITE

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

SMITHSONIAN'S NATIONAL ZOO'S CHILDREN'S "STOMP OUT CARBON!" CONTEST.
Through April 30, kids ages 6–14 are invited to send in tips on how we can shrink our "carbon footprint." Go to www.nationalzoo.si.edu

- BODY COUNT MITTENS
Mittens with date mittens started followed by number of soldiers killed by that day. For all kinds of topical and revolutionary knitting patterns, including the one for "Body Count Mittens," visit www.stealthissweater.com.

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.

THE COST OF WAR

American Military Deaths in Iraq
Total Since war began: 3246  In Combat: 2646
In Combat: 2538

Total Wounded: Official 34314 Estimated 23000 – 100000

Iraqi Civilian Deaths Since War Began

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Wounded: Between 2003 and 2005 at least 42,500 civilians were reported wounded.

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.

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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.