OMNI CENTER NEWSLETTER

OMNI CENTER---UPCOMING EVENTS, MEETINGS and CALENDAR

SPECIAL MESSAGES
WE REALY NEED YOU

Omni Month In Review is going great! Claire Detels is producing a 1-hour news/commentary program on CAT that is proving to be lively, informative and fun. If you haven't seen it yet, check it out on CAT on Sundays at 12:30p.m. We think OMNI Month In Review will be a real asset to our community. However, Claire really needs production help in order to keep this quality show on the air. She needs a crew of camera people and studio assistants once a month on Wednesday evenings from about 6 to 8:30p.m. to put the show together, and in time, will need CAT producers to help her design the program. If you’ve every gone through the CAT training program, or would like to, you can join this team. CAT will train you, and Omni can pay for your training. If this sounds like a fun project like you would like to be part of, please contact Claire at cjdetels@yahoo.com or 872-1411.

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.

OMNI Month In Review:
The last Sunday of the month at 12:30p.m.: You don’t want to miss this dynamic, informative panel discussion about world events. Moderated by Claire Detels, the group will discuss, in depth, topics that you will seldom see discussed on the mainstream corporately-owned networks. Panels will include members of academia, activists, authors and citizens. Be sure to tune into C.A.T. for this exciting, new show.

Democracy NOW! Schedule:
Tuesdays, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25 6:00p.m. Democracy NOW!
Thursdays, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27 6:00p.m. Democracy NOW!
Friday 3/14, 3/21, 3/28 6:00p.m. Democracy NOW!
Sunday 3/16, 3/23, 3/30 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 (FSTV will not air during their fundraising drives)

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 Visit the Democracy Now Website to view:
Forums, Discussions, Events:

Sunday, 3/9/2008
2:30 pm OMNI Month in Review, Episode 2
8:00 pm Media Reform Conference Highlights
11:10 pm Winter Soldier-Iraq & Afghanistan

Monday, 3/10/2008
12:05 pm Media Reform Conference Highlights
12:25 pm Birth Network: Business of Being Born
9:30 pm One Whirled View
10:30 pm Bring Down the Moon Episode 106
11:00 pm Short Takes

Tuesday, 3/11/2008
3:00 pm One Whirled View
9:00 pm Winter Soldier-Iraq & Afghanistan
10:00 pm Birth Network: Business of Being Born

Wednesday, 3/12/2008
10:00 am Caring for Creation: Keynote Speaker J. Matthew Sleeth
12:00 pm The Great Global Warming Swindle
8:00 pm Winter Soldier-Iraq & Afghanistan
9:30 pm The Great Global Warming Swindle

Thursday, 3/13/2008
2:21 am Winter Soldier Testimony
12:00 pm Birth Network: Business of Being Born
12:41 pm Winter Soldier Testimony
2:40 pm Winter Soldier Testimony
4:50 pm Winter Soldier Testimony
7:50 pm Winter Soldier Testimony

Friday, 3/14/2008
2:45 am Winter Soldier Testimony
10:00 am Winter Soldier Testimony
11:00 am Short Takes
3:20 pm Winter Soldier Testimony
7:00 pm Winter Soldier Testimony
7:47 pm Winter Soldier Testimony
8:00 pm Media Reform Conference Highlights
8:30 pm Caring for Creation: Keynote Speaker J. Matthew Sleeth
9:30 pm Birth Network: Business of Being Born
10:11 pm Winter Soldier Testimony
10:35 pm Winter Soldier Testimony

Saturday, 3/15/2008
1:34 am Winter Soldier Testimony
9:00 am Winter Soldier Testimony
9:29 am Winter Soldier Testimony
2:00 pm Caring for Creation: Keynote Speaker J. Matthew Sleeth
3:00 pm Winter Soldier Testimony
3:29 pm Winter Soldier Testimony
5:52 pm Winter Soldier Testimony
7:00 pm Winter Soldier Testimony
7:30 pm Birth Network: Business of Being Born
8:20 pm Winter Soldier Testimony
10:02 pm Winter Soldier Testimony
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, Tom Kennedy, and Claire Detels.

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
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

--March 12, Wednesday, OMNI-NWACC Film Festival, BONHOEFFER--OMNI-NWACC will be showing BONHOEFFER, a portrait of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German theologian who was imprisoned and killed by the Nazis for plotting to assassinate Hitler. The film will be shown in Rm 102B at the Shewmaker Center from 6:30-9:00 pm. Admission is free and a discussion will follow. Trailer: http://movies.nytimes.com/movie/285995/Bonhoeffer/trailers

"The film closely follows Bonhoeffer’s maturation as a progressive thinker who was moved to action to stop a growing evil in the world, becoming an almost solitary German voice denouncing Nazi terror. Bonhoeffer’s life, which was filled with drama and ended on an extraordinarily tragic note, lends itself to chronology, leading the director to move the documentary on a steady, evenhanded course. He intersperses his narrative with interviews with contemporary figures like Archbishop Desmond Tutu, adding a ruminative appreciation of the ideals for which Bonhoeffer willingly sacrificed himself." -- The New York Times

--March 13, Thursday, 5:30p.m. potluck, 6:00p.m., Omni Steering Committee Meeting, Downstairs, United Campus Ministries, 902 W. Maple, Fayetteville.

--March 16, Sunday, 6:30p.m, HOWL: Women’s Open Mic at Nightbird Books, Old Mill Building, Corner of School and 6th Streets, 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 the Omni Center, supported Nightbird Books in Fayetteville, AR.

--Monday, March 17 – St. Patrick’s Day

--March 20, Thursday - First Day of Spring

--March 23 -VIDEO UNDERGROUND-- Omni Center 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
---March 30, Sunday, 7:00p.m., Main Floor of United Campus Ministries, 902 W. Maple, CCTF Eco-Flicks---
Whenever there is a 5th Sunday in a Month, the Carbon Caps Task Force will offer a free showing of a ecologically themed movie. The selection for March is The Great Warming. This film is narrated by Keanu Reeves and Alanis Morissette. For more information about this movie, visit www.thegreatwarming.com/index.html


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Local non-profit and educational organizations are eligible to receive a 10’ X 10’ exhibit space at The Living It Green Expo at no charge. These spaces are valued at $450. (Local non-profit organizations that share the event’s vision are eligible for a waiver the fees.)

20% of all sponsor and exhibitor fees will be donated to local 501C-3 non-profit organizations. Visit <http://www.livingitgreen.org/> for more details. Submitted by Richard S. Drake

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

LOCALLY:

OMNI NEEDS A COUNTER-RECRUITING COORDINATOR

"I believe the best chance we have of keeping the current wars from eclipsing the 10-year length of Vietnam would be if groups put much more emphasis on cutting off the flow of human resources, i.e., through counter-recruitment work and school demilitarization work. That’s something that the media, Congress and the next president would not be able to ignore...." Rick Jahnkow, Coord., Project on Youth and Non-Military Opportunities (YANO). Read his essay: http://www.projectyano.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=40&Itemid=1

AEP FUTURE OF ENERGY LISTENING TOUR

Date: Monday, March 10, 2008
Time: 1:30 to 3:00 pm
Place: Willard Walker Hall, University of Arkansas - Fayetteville
Who’s invited: Everyone
Who’s Speaking: Mike Morris, CEO, American Electric Power (AEP)
Discussion Relevant to Fayetteville and Environs:

- SWEPCO ran a 161 kV power line through the Wedington area of the Ozark National Forest last year rather than going around it looked an awful lot like the shortest transmission line was the only relevant consideration for them.
- The horrendous power poles being constructed and running across Dickson Street, down Gregg Street and then Leverett (see this morning’s NWA Times front page) seem like a quite un-neighborly approach to providing our fair city and neighbors to the north with power.
- The Hempstead County coal-fired power plant will spew thousands of tons of CO2 into the atmosphere. Why not re-lamp our cities with LED street lights, offer energy conservation performance contract loans, and invest in solar energy on a wide scale to achieve the same results instead of adding more fossil fuel to our carbon footprint.
- What percentage of AEP’s portfolio comes from renewable energy sources? How much will it be in ten years? Is the company committed to a C neutral future? How will they help UA and the City of Fayetteville meet our commitments to a C neutral future?

Prepare by doing some homework then I hope to see you there!

Submitted by Stephen Pollard

THE WATER SERIES -- "GEOLOGY OF THE SPRINGS"

Thursday March 13th at 7:00 in the Carnegie Library Meeting Room in Eureka Springs--Jim Helwig Ph.D is a petroleum geologist and researcher with 30 years experience at major oil companies worldwide, and with a lifelong interest in the speleology of the Ozarks. He is currently working as a consulting geologist on a geophysical project in the Arctic.

Submitted by Barbara Harmony

SENSIBLE FAYETTEVILLE FUNDRAISER

Please support efforts in placing a low priority marijuana initiative before voters on the November 2008 election.

Friday, March 28, 7:00p.m. at The Gypsy featuring the music of:
Charliehorse, Tiffany Christopher, Shannon Wurst and the Wildabees and more
Cost: $7, Must be 18+
TO THOSE WITH AN INTEREST IN THE FAYETTEVILLE SHALE PLAY'S DEVELOPMENT:

As more activity takes place relating to gas drilling in the Fayetteville Shale Play and political maneuvering over the severance tax shapes up, more people will enter into the discussion. The League of Women Voters and Sierra Club are pleased with the level of conversation that began with our Forum in January. You might like to have a look at an Interim Resolution to be considered by the Joint Performance Review Committee just released by Rep. Betty Pickett, one of the Forum’s panelists. Pickett Fay Shale-Revised Resolution.doc (48KB) Rep. Pickett’s resolution broadly addresses concerns connected to the massive natural gas development activity now under way. However, many of the concerns relate to other environmental issues, particularly watershed protection. Should any of this resolution present itself in legislation, there should be a lot of interest both pro and con. For that reason I would encourage you to take a look.

The Washington County League has posted Fayetteville Shale Play reference information on our web page. A citizens group, Arkansas Citizens Against Resource Exploitation (ARCARE) is in a better position to monitor activity on the ground. While the League is not aligned with this group, it is interested in disseminating information on all aspects of the Fayetteville Shale issue. ARCARE’s information may be seen at www.websitetoolbox.com. You may also be interested in the email from Shawn Porter added below. This is a time when changes can suddenly happen and we need an informed citizenry.

Submitted by Dick Bennett with text from Joyce Hale

COMMUNITY ACCESS TELEVISION’S PROMO CONTEST

FAYETTEVILLE, AR... WIN $100 cash prize in Community Access Television’s PROMO CONTEST! Anyone can enter. You can use CAT’s equipment or your own. All promos must be between 30 seconds and 3 minutes long, promote CAT Fayetteville, and be accompanied with an Official Entry Form, $10 per submission, and MUST air on CAT Channel 18, website, etc. Deadline to enter is Saturday, March 22nd by 3pm.

The CAT Promo Contest is part of our 2008 SPRING FUNDRAISER in connection with the annual FAT CAT AWARDS.....and it’s Call for Entries time. Any CAT or Local Producer who produced a show on CAT in 2007 is eligible. Deadline to enter the Fat Cats is Saturday, March 1st by 3pm. Pick up Official Entry Forms for both at CAT or download and fax from www.catfayetteville.com.

THE 2008 ANNUAL FAT CAT AWARDS!

The FAT CAT AWARDS CEREMONY will be held FRIDAY, MARCH 28th at 6:00p.m. in the CAT STUDIO. Tickets for the event are $25 in advance and $30 at the door. (You do not have to be present to win – but it’s more fun!)

If you are interested in being a judge for the event and have NOT submitted a program, please contact CAT.

NEW in 2008! Is the CAT PROMO CONTEST! 30 seconds to 3 minutes to Promote YOUR CAT!

$100 CASH PRIZE / $10 to enter Deadline to enter: Saturday, MARCH 15. Contact CAT for Official Guidelines and Entry Form (479) 444-3433

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 County 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).

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS FROM THE ARKANSAS COALITION FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

The Peace Demonstration being held for the 5th Anniversary of the War in Iraq will take place on Saturday March 15th at noon at the War Memorial Pavilion in Little Rock. Please mark your calendars as this is a different date, time and location than has previously been shared. We will have more details out soon but we wanted you to save the date. We really need to have as many people as possible show up and let everyone know that we have not forgotten that the Iraq War has been going on for five long terrible years! We need your help in getting the word out. For more information or to volunteer, call John Coffin at 952-8181.

Back by popular demand: We will be protesting again at noon on the first Saturdays of the next three months—March 1st, April 5th, and May 3rd. These events will be at the corners of Bowman and Chenal in Little Rock. Please remember that these are peaceful demonstrations and that we are always supportive of the troops and their families. We believe that Peace is Patriotic! We need good signs with large print giving positive messages for peace and for an end to war. Invite your friends, neighbors and family members to come with you.

NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY

INTERFAITH CELEBRATION TO CONTINUE DR. KING’S WORK FOR LIVING WAGES

Thursday, March 13th at 7:00 p.m., Centenary United Methodist Church, 584 E. McLemore Ave., Memphis, Tennessee

As we remember the 40th anniversary of Dr. King’s work with the sanitation workers, we will also lift up our current local and national struggles for a living wage, as well as begin our Fast for a Living Wage. We will be joined by national partners from a number of faith and labor organizations.

Speakers will include:
Adam Taylor, Sojourners Magazine/Call to Renewal
Rev. Jen Kottler, Let Justice Roll national living wage campaign
Joyce Miller, Civil Rights Veteran/American Friends Service Committee
Simon Greer, Jewish Funds for Justice
and Music by the Centenary United Methodist Church Mass Choir

If you would like posters or bulletin inserts about the service, please email Rev. Rebekah Jordan or call (901) 332-3570.
Sponsored by the Mid-South Interfaith Network for Economic Justice and Let Justice Roll. National and regional co-sponsors of the event include: American Friends Service Committee, Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good, Department of Christian Education of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Disciples Justice Action Network, Faith in Public Life, Interfaith Worker Justice, Jewish Funds for Justice, Mid-Tennessee Jobs with Justice, Sojourners, The Nashville Movement, Union of Reform Judaism, Unitarian Universalist Association, United Church of Christ Justice and Witness Ministries. Local co-sponsors include: Balmoral Presbyterian Church, Centenary United Methodist Church, Church Women United, First Congregational Church, Liberation Community Church, Memphis Area Women’s Council, Memphis Theological Seminary, Mid-South Peace and Justice Center, St. John’s United Methodist Church, SEIU Local 205, Teamsters Local 667, and UNITE HERE Southern Region.

Mid-South Interfaith Network for Economic Justice, 3035 Directors Row, B - 1207, Memphis, TN 38131. Phone: (901) 332-3570. www.midsouthinterfaith.org

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WINTER SOLDIERS: IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN INVESTIGATION

On the weekend of 13-15 March, 2008, Iraq Veterans Against the War will assemble history’s largest gathering of US veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as Iraqi and Afghan survivors. They will provide first hand accounts of their experiences and reveal the truth of occupation.

Support Iraq Veterans Against the War and their Winter Soldier: Iraq & Afghanistan Investigation. Join in supporting their efforts to reveal truth in the way that only those who lived it can, by signing the statement of support: http://www.ivaw.org/wintersoldierstatmentofsupport (C.A.T. will be carrying the hearings- see schedule at top of newsletter)

A CAMPAIGN BY VREDESACTIE AND BOMBSPTOTING
RESIST MILITARY GLOBALISATION!

March 22, 2008


Five years after the Iraq war started: an international action weekend at NATO’s headquarters in Brussels, Belgium.

Europe serves as a staging ground for military interventions worldwide. The framework can differ: NATO, EU, US coalition of the willing, UN. The target as well: Iraq, Afghanistan, Lebanon, .... But the departure points not: military bases, airports and harbours in Europe. Europe hosts a large military intervention machinery.

Economic globalisation also has its military corollary. New York Times' columnist Thomas Friedman said: "The hidden hand of the market will never work without a hidden fist. McDonald’s cannot flourish without McDonnell Douglas, the builder of the F-15. And the hidden fist that keeps the world safe for Silicon Valley ’s technologies is called the United States Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps." And this fist is not solely a US phenomenon as Europe builds its own intervention capacity through the EU or forms a partner with the US in NATO.

You pay for, and perhaps your work contributes to, military forces which can be rapidly deployed everywhere in the world. We make war under the labels of ‘military humanitarian intervention’ and ‘war against terrorism’. Behind these PR labels the military intervention machineries protect economic interests and sustain the existing global order.

The 5th anniversary of the Iraq war is a good moment to make the resistance against military globalisation visible again. We don’t need a machinery for global military intervention. We don’t need military alliances that threaten the rest of the world. Enough. Security is too important to leave to the military.

In Heiligendamm a broad and international movement challenged the legitimacy of the G8-leaders and blocked the G8-summit. It is time to challenge the legitimacy of their military power tools as well.
ANNUAL STUDENT PEACE CONFERENCE
2008 Student Peace Conference:  
"Bringing Peace Down to Earth"  
Friday, April 4 - Saturday, April 5  
Hesburgh Center for International Studies

The University of Notre Dame’s annual Student Peace Conference will take place on April 4-5, 2008. This free conference is officially sponsored by the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, and is planned and directed entirely by undergraduate peace studies students of the University.

Every year the conference unites undergraduate and graduate students from universities and colleges across the United States and abroad with a spirit of peace, a desire to see a change in the world, and commitment to a rigorous, multi-disciplinary academic program focused on building international peace.

Entitled “Bringing Peace Down to Earth,” the conference will highlight the role of individuals and grassroots efforts in the peace building process. The conference will explore how we can take part in preventing and addressing various forms of conflict and violence.

The conference will feature seminars, lectures, artistic performances, exhibits, and a keynote speaker. Undergraduate and graduate peace visionaries of all disciplines are welcome to submit proposals regarding potential presentations. We encourage presentations of peace from all disciplines and perspectives.

The keynote speaker for the event is Dr. Ellis Jones. Jones has focused his energy on bridging the gap between academics, activists and the average citizen. He is co-founder of The Better World Network, an organization dedicated to global social responsibility and the translation of lofty ideals into sustainable, effective, everyday actions. For more information contact:
Conference Co-Chairs  
Ryane Burke and Mariah Quinn  
peacecon@nd.edu

HISTORIANS AGAINST THE WAR NATIONAL CONFERENCE APRIL 11-13

The conference at Georgia State University’s downtown Atlanta campus begins on Friday evening April 11 with a keynote speech by Bill Fletcher Jr., longtime activist in the labor and black freedom movements who has been president of the TransAfrica Forum and education director of the national AFL-CIO. We still don’t know if Naomi Klein, author of No Logo and The Shock Doctrine, will be able to come but if she can she will also speak as part of the Friday evening program.

A second keynote session, 5:00 – 6:45 pm on Saturday, will feature Middle East historians Zachary Lockman of NYU, president of the Middle East Studies Association 2006-2007, and Dina Rizk Khoury, Iraq historian at George Washington University.

There will be over twenty panels, roundtables, and workshops, distributed among four time slots: one Saturday morning, two Saturday afternoon, and one Sunday morning. The titles are listed below; for more information, see the conference web site: http://www.historiansagainstwar.org/hawconf (click on “Sessions”). We don’t yet have an exact time schedule but are working on it and will post it soon.

Information on registering and on hotel accommodations is also on the web site. The registration fee ($40 full, $25 student/low-income) includes lunch on Saturday and coffee, fruit, and pastries Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Even if you aren’t able to come yourself, we would very much appreciate your helping to spread the word. The web site has a link to a flyer (in pdf format) advertising the conference. If you could download and print a few copies, either to share with friends or to post on appropriate bulletin boards, it would be very helpful. Thanks for any help!

PREREISTER FOR THE NATIONAL STOPMAX CONFERENCE
From May 31 to June 1, The STOPMAX Campaign, sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), works to eliminate the use of isolation and segregation in U.S. prisons. Our strategies include research, grassroots organizing, public education and policy advocacy to abolish solitary confinement and / or reduce its use.

http://www.afsc.org/stopmax/AbouttheCampaign.htm

NUCLEAR INFORMATION AND RESOURCE SERVICE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND OTHER NEWS:
Work at NIRS! We are seeking a permanent, full-time Administrative Coordinator/Office Manager/Activist. This is a key position at NIRS—this person is the glue that holds the organization together. The job description is available on NIRS website at [http://www.nirs.org/about/jobs.htm](http://www.nirs.org/about/jobs.htm). To apply, send your resume to nirsnet@nirs.org with the subject heading: Administrative Coordinator.

Got Graphics? NIRS is looking for vibrant images for this new round of nuke-fighting! If you will donate images to NIRS--both of the nuclear madness we fight and the positive world we seek to build--we will select and use them on documents, posters, our web site, possibly T-shirts and other vehicles for reaching folks to say NO NEW NUKES! And, of course, we will give the artist full credit. Send your graphics and ideas to nirsnet@nirs.org or to NIRS, 6930 Carroll Avenue, #340, Takoma Park, MD 20912.

Check the Calendar! NIRS has added a public calendar to our website. We'll be posting comment deadlines, events, protests, conferences, congressional vote alerts and more. Send items you'd like included to nirsnet@nirs.org with the word Calendar in the subject heading. You can access the calendar at [http://www.nirs.org/calendar.htm](http://www.nirs.org/calendar.htm).

THE CENTER FOR SCIENCE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST HOLDS FOURTH NATIONAL INTEGRITY IN SCIENCE CONFERENCE

Save the Date! July 11, 2008, The Center for Science in the Public Interest will be holding its Fourth National Integrity in Science Conference. Titled Rejuvenating Public Sector Science, it will be held at the Ronald Reagan International Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20004. Become part of the growing movement to reinvigorate public sector science and end corporate and political influence over the scientific process. Sessions will include:

- Tackling the Climate Crisis: Unleashing Government Research
- Curbing Conflicts in Medical & Environmental Science
- Rebuilding Research Capacity at Regulatory Agencies
- Clean Energy -- Do Special Interests Drive the Agenda?
- Endangered Species Protection in a Hostile Climate
- Journals and Disclosure -- Getting It Right
- Who's Backing Whom in the Peak Oil Debate
- Conference details and registration will soon be available at: [http://www.cspinet.org/integrity/conflictedscience_conf.html](http://www.cspinet.org/integrity/conflictedscience_conf.html)

Conference co-sponsors include (list in formation):

- Beyond Nuclear
- Endangered Species Coalition
- Government Accountability Project
- Nuclear Information and Resource Service
- OMB Watch
- Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility
- The Project on Scientific Knowledge and Public Policy
- Union of Concerned Scientists
- If you wish to co-sponsor and help build the conference, please contact kstade@cspinet.org.
GRADUATION PLEDGE
A new freshman year pledge complements the Graduation Pledge. Contact Neil Wollman, Bentley College Alliance for Ethics and Social Responsibility, Waltham, MA 02452; nwollman@bentley.edu; 260-568-0116.

NEW PEACE AND JUSTICE STUDIES MAJOR
Regis U, Denver, CO. Contact Dr. Byron Plumley, PJS Dir., bplumley@regis.edu or (303)964-3660.

THE 11TH ANNUAL 2008 INTERNATIONAL PEACE PALS™ ART EXHIBITION & AWARDS
by admin
Deadline for entry is June 30th
Awards Gala and Event scheduled on September 20-21
To learn more visit: http://www.wppspeacepals.org/

FRESH MEDIA OFFERINGS TO CHECK OUT
PHOTOS FROM PANCAKES FOR PEACE BREAKFAST AND TOWN BRANCH WATERSHED
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PEACE TRAIN RADIOT INTERVIEWS CAN BE HEARD ON C.A.T.
Two folks from Peace Train Radio interviewed demonstrators at the 5Years2Many demonstration on March 8
The interviews will air on 1610am on the radio, as well as CAT on Channel 18. The webpage below shows radio coverage on 1610am, subject to time of day, and static. You can also visit the webpage to stream on the internet.
Peace Train will have a regular day on CAT as background music during message board. The timeslot for play on CAT has not be confirmed, but the show will repeat on March 21. The interviews will be repeated and the regular Message Board schedule will be Fridays 6-9p.m. Watch for the updated CAT Schedule in the next newsletter.
KXUA will still broadcast their music the rest of the time, as message board background music.
submitted by Jim
http://www.madisoncounty.net/~sunwatt/peacetrain/peacetrain_1610am.htm

MARTIAL LAW, INC.
KBR: A HALLIBURTON SUBSIDIARY
By Andrew G. Marshall in Global Research, March 5, 2008
Read this article at www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=8258

COAL-FIRED PLANTS LOSE FINANCING PROGRAM
By Matthew Brown, The Associated Press
Posted on Thursday, March 6, 2008
URL: http://www.nwanews.com/adg/Business/218871/

IN THE VALLEY OF ELAH
In the Valley of Elah is available on DVD. It's directed by Paul Haggis and stars Tommy Lee Jones (nominated for best actor Oscar), Charlize Theron, and Susan Sarandon. The film dramatizes a war veteran’s search for his murdered son and more broadly the disastrous effects of the Iraq war, and wars, on US soldiers.

OMNI-NWACC SPRING FILM FESTIVAL IN BENTONVILLE
In accordance with its mission to provide opportunities for the campus and community to address issues related to peace, justice, and ecology, the OMNI Center and its student chapter at NorthWest Arkansas Community College announce the Spring Film Festival.
Films will be shown in Rm 102B at the Shewmaker Center from 6:30-9:00 pm on the following evenings:
**Mar. 12 - Bonhoeffer** is a portrait of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German theologian who was imprisoned and killed by the Nazis for plotting to assassinate Hitler.

**Mar. 26 - Deliver Us from Evil** is the story of Father Oliver O'Grady, an active pedophile, who was sheltered by the Roman Catholic Church.

**Apr. 3 - Sicko** is Michael Moore's acclaimed documentary indicting the highly profitable American health care industry that sacrifices essential health services in order to maximize profits.

**Apr. 9 - Jesus Camp** is an Oscar-nominated documentary that offers a look at a revivalist subculture where devout Christian youngsters are being primed to deliver the fundamentalist community’s religious and political messages.

**Apr. 17 - Paragraph 175** reveals the Nazi persecution of homosexuals under Paragraph 175, the anti-sodomy provision of the German penal code.

**Apr. 22 - Trashed** is a documentary on the history, politics and economics of trash which focuses not only on the problem, but also on solutions.

**Apr. 23 - For the Bible Tells Me So** is a documentary about five Christian families struggling with homosexuality and how the religious right has used its interpretation of the Bible to stigmatize the gay community.

In Fayetteville:

**NEW BIBLIOGRAPHIES FOR A CULTURE OF PEACE AND JUSTICE**

Bibliographies Nos. 26 and 27 are now available in OMNI’s web site--www.omnicenter.org. Here some of the scope and depth of the US victimization of its own citizens and people around the world is revealed (along with the preceding 25 biblios. and the many special subject Newsletters). For a Culture of Peace and Justice, We, the informed Citizen People, can take action against US militarism, repression, and imperialism.

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

**PANCAKES FOR PEACE**

On March 1, we served Pancakes to Omni members and friends as well as selling 5Year2Many T-shirts, and raised enough money to place ads announcing our March 8 demonstration in the Fayetteville Free Weekly and the Arkansas Democrat Gazette. Don Austin provided free neck massages throughout the morning and collected donations to pay for transportation for troop visits home by members of the military before being deployed to Iraq. Thank you to all who came out to enjoy a home cooked breakfast and to support Omni as we say no to war. Special thanks to all those who contributed time, energy, supplies and talent to create a successful event: T-Shirt printing-Wildheart Designs, Fresh Fruit-Old Souls Organic, Coffee-Arsaga's Expresso Café, Hiland Dairy-Milk, Orange Juice-Ozark Natural Foods, Syrup-Sophia Fowler; and all those who moved furniture, cooked and cleaned up.
OPEN MIC WELCOMED A PACKED ROOM AT ITS NEW VENUE AT NIGHTBIRD BOOKS
On March 2, Omni’s Open mic for peace debuted at Nightbird Books with a mix of old and new performers. Here’s the first set to whet your appetite for next month: “Fear Is My Name,” lyrics by Donna, music by Kelly; “I Don’t Wanna,” Thomas Phillips; “5 Easy Words—or, It’s Goin’ to Be Alright,” Mendy, Path, Liz, Elizabeth; “The Scales of Justice” by Jay Ross; Michael Franti Song with Oona and Abel duet of a song by Michael Franti.; “Mothers’ Sons,” Diana Rivers; Oona with father Dave on the guitar; “Going Far,” Brenda Coda; “Winds of Change,” Dave. The second set included Jules Taylor, Ian Horton, Duane Carr, Jori Costello, Divine Play, and Darlene. See you next April 6 at 6:30 (note earlier time) in the audience, or come perform. (Apologies to Dave, Abel and Oona. We let you get away without getting a last name. We will correct the oversight in the next newsletter).

Submitted by Dick Bennet

5YEARS2MANY PUTS DEMONSTRATORS AT INTERSECTIONS ALONG COLLEGE AVENUE
If you drove down College Avenue on Saturday, March 8, you would have seen clusters of demonstrators and huge banners at intersections all along your way. It was cold, but exhilarating for those of use standing on street corners lifting our placards and waving to drivers, many of whom honked and raised a peace sign in return. Omni joined with organizations that will be on the streets next weekend all over the country following the message from United for Peace and Justice of 5Years2Many. Those of us who took to the streets, and those of us who speak out in whatever ways we are able, know that one day was too many for this illegal and unjustified war. Some sources report that the death toll for innocent Iraqis has reached 1,000,000, and we are almost to a figure of 4,000 for our own sons and daughters, husband and wives, moms and dads. We must never let up on the pressure to those in power until they bring this nightmare to an end.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY CELEBRATED AT NATURE’S WATER
On Saturday night, March 8, the main room at Nature’s Water was filled with an audience who were treated to an evening of diversity and talent. Sponsored by Harmonia, Nature’s Water, and the Omni Center,, we heard new songs from Harmonia, traditional Japanese music with Chico Sekiguchi an Mitsuki Kellam, poetry from Mendy Knott and Margarita Solorzana and daughter, and expressions of life experiences from JoAnn Kaminsky and Sonia Hausmann. Donations were collected for FINCA (Foundation for International Community Assistance; with very successful record of micro-lending to women to transform their families and communities). Refreshments and socializing followed the program.

A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS
Here is a link to a slideshow of photos from various OMNI folks.
http://omni-slideshow.blogspot.com/
Please note: If you click on a photo, you will get some info about the photo.
If you move your mouse near the top of the photos, some control buttons will appear to pause, resume and adjust the speed of the slideshow.

LOCAL CONNECTIONS
Email your Public Service Announcements 2 weeks in advance to KUAF radio’s Pete Hartman at phartma@uark.edu. PSAs should be about 15 seconds in length.

Submitted by Chris Delacruz

Link Carries Interactive Calendar of Events in Northwest Arkansas— http://northwestarkansasevents.blogspot.com/
• 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/
Fayetteville Freethinkers website/forums can be found at http://fayfreethinkers.com/forums/

From Sidney Burris:
Modern & Contemporary Poetry: www.readwrite.typepad.com/poetry
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CASPUALITIES IN IRAQ

The Human Cost of Occupation
Edited by Margaret Griffis :: Contact

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IRAQI CIVILIAN BODY COUNT

Civilians reported killed by military intervention in Iraq

MIN.          MAX.
81,639          89,110

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

$501,000,000,000 and counting

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