ELECTION 2008

The first Tuesday in November should be observed with the same celebration that commemorates Independence Day.

Election Day reminds us of who we are. We are the people as in “We the people . . .,” as in “of, for and by the people . . .” Without our continually breathing life into them, the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution are merely desiccated, dead pieces of parchment.

This notion of voting is serious business, and should be entered into with earnest consideration. The chance to have a voice in who represents us concerning issues that matter in our lives is an inheritance. It is a legacy from those rabble rousers turned statesmen who designed a three-branched government, and then constructed a constitution strong enough to support it.

We are presented with a heritage passed down by generations of men and women who struggled throughout their lives to win suffrage and voting rights for all citizens. Every time we vote, we honor those who, through the years, marched and rallied, confronted dogs and fire hoses, endured jail and even met death securing for each of us the opportunity to cast a ballot.

We must never take this hard-earned privilege for granted. Now, more than ever, we have to remain vigilant to ensure that the system remains uncompromised and impartial.

In the midst of the current threats to the economic, social and political health of this nation, we affirm our belief in the possibilities of this republic every time we vote.

If you haven’t voted early, Tuesday is your day to shine. If you have, do you know someone who may need a ride to the polls or childcare in order to vote?

You can phone the County Clerk’s office to confirm your polling place for November 4 - 444-1711

To learn about the candidates visit Vote Smart at http://www.votesmart.org/election_president.php?dist=bio.php

From the editor

SAY NO TO BIGOTRY - SUPPORT REAL ARKANSAS FAMILY VALUES

Vote NO on Act 1. For more information about what you can do to help ensure that true family values are protected, visit artchangesu@yahoo.com
FAYETTEVILLE VOTERS TO VOTE ON LOW PRIORITY

The City of Fayetteville 2007 adult arrests totaled 3628, with 560 drug arrests (15%). Marijuana possession charges totaled 395 (71% of total). Fayetteville adult marijuana possession charges have averaged one arrest per day over the last ten years. Next highest categories of Fayetteville adult drug possession arrests in 2007 were 106 amphetamine/methamphetamine (19%) and 104 "other" (19%). (Totals of more than 100% result from arrests involving more than one drug type.)

Estimation of the cost for drug arrests in Arkansas can be extrapolated from two recent studies. A December 2003 Virginia analysis found that police costs alone for marijuana possession arrests cost an average of $3003 per arrest. (2) A 2005 study of national arrest data found an average cost of $10,400 for police, courts, and jail. (3) Per arrest costs specific to Arkansas have not been researched.

Based on these two studies, costs for Fayetteville marijuana possession arrests range from $1,186,185 for police costs alone up to $4,108,000 for the full criminal justice expense. For the State of Arkansas, these same costs range from $22,276,254 up to $77,147,200.

This initiative offers residents an important opportunity to help guide Fayetteville's future through better allocation of our resources. It also shows that Fayetteville is willing to take a leadership role among other cities across the nation in addressing failed public policy. And we believe this will benefit Fayetteville's largest industry, the University of Arkansas, by reducing the number of students penalized with loss of financial aid for marijuana prosecutions. We respect the dedication of our police and prosecutor and believe this measure spells out the public's full support for their use of enforcement discretion.

The measure coming before Fayetteville voters on November 4 would require that police and prosecutors use their discretion to reduce the priority of adult arrests for one ounce or less of marijuana. An additional provision of the initiative requires the city clerk to send a letter annually, on behalf of the citizens, to all state and federal elected representatives, stating: "The citizens of Fayetteville have passed an initiative to de-prioritize adult marijuana offenses, where the marijuana is intended for personal use, and request that the federal and Arkansas state governments take immediate steps to enact similar laws."

For More Information, Contact: Ryan Denham, 479-685-4348

JOHN GRAY HOSPITALIZED AFTER MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT

John Gray, Long time Omni member, Omni Rapid Responder and regular panelist on Omni Month in Review is recuperating in Washington Regional Medical Center after suffering multiple injuries in a motorcycle accident. He will be moving to the rehabilitation unit on Monday, November 3.

OMNI MONTH IN REVIEW – QUALITY TELEVISION

If you haven't seen Omni Month in Review on Community Access Television (Channel 18), you need to treat yourself to an hour of thought-provoking discussion about current events with intelligent, articulate panel members and moderator Claire Detels who keeps the topics interesting, and the talk flowing. The Topic for November is "Historic Assessment: Where We Are, Where We're Going." Special guests are Dr. Tom Kennedy, retired professor from the History Department of the University of Arkansas, and Dr. Edrene McKay, history professor from Northwest Arkansas Community College. You can catch the November edition live on Wednesday, November 19, or you can watch November OMIR on Sunday, November 22.

(Omni C.A.T. Connection Information has been moved and is with media information)
OMNI CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

--Tuesday, November 4 – Election Day

--Wednesday, November 26, 7:00p.m., Omni Month in Review, Live Taping - The November episode of Omni Month-in-Review, a current events talk show broadcast live on CAT (Ch. 18, Fayetteville) will be broadcast on November 26, 7 pm. With moderator Claire Detels, this month’s show will focus on race in presidential politics, and will feature Asst. Prof Pearl Ford of the University of Arkansas as a special guest, as well as recurring panelists Dick Bennett, John Gray, and Clifford Hughes. You can see a repeat of the live show on Sunday, November 30 at 1:00p.m.

--Sunday, November 9, 7:00p.m., Video Underground, United Campus Ministries Chapel, 902 W. Maple - To mark this year’s University of Arkansas Native American Symposium, the Omni Center for Peace will show the film The Spirit of Annie Mae (2002). The movie starts at 7pm in the Sanctuary on the main floor of the United Campus Ministry located at 902 West Maple at Storer Ave., Fayetteville. Admission is free. Screen time is 73 minutes. For more information, contact Gerald Sloan at 575-6302 or gsloan@uark.edu
To see the schedule for the Video Underground film series, go to http://omni-vu-films.blogspot.com/

--Sunday, November 17, 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 woman writer's), share short prose or sing at an open mic forum hosted by Mendy Knott. It's a great place to “try out” new work, share your masterpieces, or read for the very first time. So come read, sing or play your work to a really receptive audience. 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. 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 collaboration between Herwords and the Omni Center, supported Nightbird Books in Fayetteville, AR.

--Thursday, November 20, 5:30p.m. Potluck, 6:00p.m. - Omni Steering Committee Meeting, Deep End of United Campus Ministries, 902 W. Maple, Fayetteville, AR

--Thursday, November 27 – Thanksgiving Day

--Saturday, December 6, 10:30a.m., Omni Rapid Responders, Fayetteville Public Library - Do you read articles and editorials in area newspapers and think, “Someone needs to answer that letter with the facts?” Rapid Responders do just that, and they can always use more volunteers to write logical, articulate letters to the editor.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS---UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

--Sunday, November 9, 2008, 1:30p.m., JUST COMMUNITY Walk for Peace -

• What: 6th Annual Walk for Community and Al Lopez Community Ambassador Award
• When: Sunday, November 9, 2008. Registration starts at 1:30 a.m. and Walk starts at 2:00 p.m.
• Where: From Fayetteville Square to Dickson St. and loop back to the Square.
• Why: When we Walk for CommUNITY we value and celebrate Northwest Arkansas' rich diversity and build bridges of understanding and respect towards an all-inclusive community.
• How: Register as an individual or form a team by requesting a registration packet.
• MORE? Please email us at info@justcommunities-nwa.org or call us.

Wednesday, November 12, 5:30 p.m., 2008 ACLU Annual Banquet - At the Genesis III (the Old Train Station), Little Rock. Cost: $90, students $25.

Saturday, November 29, 2:00 p.m., Fayetteville Free Thinkers, Fayetteville Public Library

Information regarding our past meetings and future meetings can be read in our forum, here: http://fayfreethinkers.com/forums/viewforum.php?f=11

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

LOCALLY: CITY, COUNTY, STATE

(New Items will have Green Heading)

"WAR IS NOT THE ANSWER" YARD SIGNS AVAILABLE

Help create a surge for peace. Join over 500,000 people around the country already declaring that "War Is Not the Answer." Local Quaker and Omni member Rachel Skoney has a supply of signs from the Friends Committee on National Legislation. If you would like to exhibit one of the beautiful blue and white signs, especially this week before the election, you can contact Rachel at rskoney@uark.edu. The cost for a sign is $5.00.

Putting a "War Is Not the Answer" sign in your yard or your window, sticking a bumper sticker version on your car, or wearing a "War Is Not the Answer" button are all ways to show you support peace. They’re also likely to cause some comment from the person who parks next to you in the lot, the person behind you in the grocery checkout line, and the people who live in your neighborhood.

The Crawford Peace House in Texas

TENTATIVE AGENDA 2008 NATIVE AMERICAN SYMPOSIUM

Tuesday, November 4
"Treatment of Native Americans in the Hollywood Film" by Frank Scheide. Presented in the form of a lecture to COMM 1003 Film Lecture Students in KH 102, at 2:00 PM. Lecture to be followed by a screening of the film, Skins (2002), at 3:00 PM.

Wednesday, November 5

Lecture, Dr. Terri Baker, "American Indian Education in Indian Territory and Early Oklahoma," 10:30-11:20, Giffels Auditorium, Old Main. Coordinated by Dr. Gloria Young.

Panel on Indian Boarding Schools. Panelists: Dr. Lorna Beard, "Seneca Indian School: Voices from the 1930s"; Dr. Terri M. Baker, "Curriculum and Activities at Mission and Tribal Boarding Schools;" Dr. Frank Scheide, "Interview with D.B. Whitekiller: Memories of a Young Cherokee Boarding School Student in the 1930s and 1940s." 7:00 - 8:00 PM, Giffels Auditorium, Old Main. Publicity needed.

Screening of Redskin (1929), featuring the premiere of a Rodney Sauer musical arrangement performed live by the Mont Alto Motion Picture Orchestra, 8:00-9:30, Giffels Auditorium, Old Main.

Thursday, November 6

Olli Forum on Indian Boarding Schools, Dr. Gloria Young and Dr. Terri Baker, 10:00-12:00, Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center. Coordinated by Dr. Gloria Young.

Book Forum, Dr. Kirstin Erickson, "Triumph over a uniform(ed) existence": the Diverse Experiences of Native American Students at Chilocco Indian Agricultural School", and Dr.. Freddie Bowles, American Indian Education: A History by Jon Reyhner and Jeanne Eder. 2:00-3:00 PM, Multicultural Lounge, Arkansas Student Union. Coordinated by Frank Scheide.

Sunday, November 9

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Current Mullins Exhibition:
Exhibit of art by Native American artist Tony Tiger, member of the Sac and Fox Tribe. For a bio and examples of his art, check out a current exhibition at:
http://www.lovettsgallery.com/browse/detail.asp?id=55
http://www.lovettsgallery.com/browse/detail.asp?id=55

Contact Ms. Molly Boyd in Mullins Library for information

FROM CUISINE KAREN (KAREN GROS)

CULINARY CLASSES ~ YOUR PERSONAL CHEF

HANDS-ON CULINARY CLASS AND FINE-DINING WITH WINE PAIRING
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH, 2008; 10:00A-2:00PM

Class fee: $65

Includes copies of recipes, 4-course sit-down luncheon with glass of wine, salad course and freshly-baked bread.
French coffee and dark chocolate served following the meal.
Reserve by email or call 479-253-7461. www.cuisinekaren.com

NOVEMBER 15-18, 2008 — NATIONAL TRAILS SYMPOSIUM

American Trails brings the worldwide trails community together for an inspirational and educational conference. The Symposium addresses both non-motorized and motorized issues and our vision for trails and greenways nationwide. Dozens of speakers and keynote presenters from across America cover the top topics and state of the art technology. Info: National Trails Symposium or contact American Trails: P.O. Box 491797, Redding, CA 96049-1797 - phone (530) 547-2060 - symposium@americantrails.org

DEMONSTRATION AGAINST THE WARS EVERY FIRST SATURDAY

Join Chris, Shelly, John, Dick, and others Saturday, December 6
We need a large group to declare our message for withdrawal from this heinous war.
1:00pm at the corner of Mall Ave. and Joyce Blvd in Fayetteville
(just south of the Northwest Arkansas Mall)

We will meet on the street corner near the Best Buy parking lot. Signs will be provided. This demonstration will be following by a series of demonstration on the first Saturday of every month at 1pm at Mall Ave. and Joyce Blvd. Sponsored by the Omni Center for Peace, Justice and Ecology.
For more information, call Chris at 586-2053 or visit http://www.makejobsnotwars.com/

SOUTHERNERS ON NEW GROUND (SONG)

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(For Little Rock, Arkansas and surrounding areas)
A 4-day advanced training for people committed to social justice work that is cross-issue, anti-oppression, and meets at the crossroads of race, class, culture, gender and sexuality, towards building the local capacity, unity and interconnection of people in the greater Little Rock Arkansas area.

WHEN: Thursday November 13- Sunday November 16, 2008 With additional opportunities to choose other small workshops that fit your specific needs taking place between Tuesday, November 11 and Wednesday 12, 2008

If you are interested, want to know more information, want to apply:

In the Little Rock, Arkansas area, contact:
CAR: Phone: 501.244.9690 / Email: oobrian_30@yahoo.com / www.artisticrevolution.org
To contact SONG:
Phone: 919.286.3230 // Email: kindred@southernersonnewground.org
Check out our website: www.southernersonnewground.org
Application Deadline: Saturday, October 25th, 2008

Submitted by Dick Bennett

PREVENTING NEXT WAR FORUM, JANUARY BOOK PANEL 2009

Here are 3 books that look promising for the January Book Forum on Preventing Wars:

Miriam Pemberton, ed. Lessons From Iraq: Avoiding the Next War. "We can’t move on. The damage done by this war has to be examined if it is to be repaired."


Kim Michaels, The Art of Non-War

Related:
The Uprising by David Sirota. A book that challenges the status quo, questions the media and political Establishment and asks tough questions.

What other recent books do you recommend, and will you join the panel ready to discuss at least one of the books?

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Fayetteville, AR 72703

OMNI'S BIBLIOGRAPHY #31 IS NOW AVAILABLE IN OUR WEBSITE.

Subjects range from Activism to Civilians Killed (in war), Climate Change, Critical Thinking, Equality for Women, Fundamentalist Religion and Power, Hope, Immigrants, Iraq, to McCain, National Security State, Terrorism, Victims, to Whistleblowers, Women. Go to www.omnicenter.org

Here are abundant opportunities to turn away from the sound bite, quick, easy messages to explore and discover our own conclusions.

Submitted by Dick Bennett

OMNI NEEDS A COUNTER-RECRUITING COORDINATOR

The high schools are in session, and the recruiters will be on campuses. We need a coordinator to organize a counter-recruitment team to educate students about financial and career alternatives to enlistment.

For more information about counter-recruiting, visititory Opportunities (YANO). Read his essay:
http://www.projectyano.org If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Gladys Tiffany 973-9049 or gladystiffany@yahoo.com

RECRUITER ABUSE HELP HOTLINE
The National Youth and Militarism Recruiter Abuse Hotline: 1-877-688-6881. Started by the AFSC.

RESISTING MILITARIZING OF OUR SCHOOLS
"DMZ: A Guide to Taking Your School Back from the Military." To order: www.warresisters.org or email wrl@warresisters.org, or www.warresisters.org/dmz

MOVING FORWARD TOWARD A PERMANENT HOME
OMNI seeks the donation of a lot or acreage on which to build a new home. Contact Richard Tiffany at (479) 973-9049 if you are interested.

OMNI LOOKING FOR A PC
OMNI Center is in need of a relatively new PC or Laptop. If you have a computer that you’d like to donate, or know where we can find a good bargain, please contact Gladys Tiffany gladystiffany@yahoo.com or 973-9049

WHAT’S GOING ON?—NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY

NEW ITEMS IN GREEN

DEFENSE SECRETARY GATES HEADLINES USIP’S INAUGURAL ACHESON LECTURE
On October 15, 2008, Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates delivered the keynote speech at the U.S. Institute of Peace’s first annual Dean Acheson Lecture. In his address, Gates called for the United States to develop national security institutions better able to respond to increasingly complex challenges in international conflict settings. For complete story, visit www.usip.org

A MESSAGE FROM BRUCE GAGNON
PREPARE NOW FOR OUR POST-ELECTION STRATEGY
As we approach the November elections it has become difficult to separate large portions of the peace movement from the daily operations of the Democratic party. In many places across the nation regular peace vigils, in many cases held throughout the Iraq occupation, have become Obama for president rallies. Many activists use the "we" word when talking about the Democrats as if the party is an extension of the movement.
Don’t we wish it could be so. Or maybe I should say, be careful what you wish for.
In a recent article entitled "The Idiots Who Rule America" Pulitzer prize winning journalist Chris Hedges writes, “Our oligarchic class is incompetent at governing, managing the economy, coping with natural disasters, educating our young, handling foreign affairs, providing basic services like health care, and safeguarding individual rights. That it is still in power, and will remain in power after this election, is a testament to our inability to separate illusion from reality.” To read the complete piece, visit http://space4peace.blogspot.com/

UNESCO REOPENS ITS YOUNG PROFESSIONALS PROGRAM
UNESCO has announced the reopening of their Young Professionals Program for people under 30 who want to start a career in an international organization. The deadline for applications is November 19th. The selected candidates will be recruited with a one-year contract at the P-1 level (approximately $45,000 tax-free). Full announcement can be read here: http://www.state.gov/p/io/unesco/programs/102342.htm

Submitted by Dick Bennett

STUDY TOUR TO ISRAEL-PALESTINE, NOVEMBER 2008

This tour is sponsored by Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions. For more information, contact www.icahduk.org

(Submitted by Dick Bennett)

ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN WORKSHOP ON EDUCATION FOR PEACE
DECEMBER 5-6, 2008
TANTUR, JERUSALEM

Following the workshops of January, April and August 2008 we are holding the Fourth Peace & Democracy Education Workshop that will once again 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 following is contact information about the workshop, cost and registration:

Gershon Baskin and Hanna Siniora - Co-CEOs, IPCRI
Israel/Palestine Center for Research and Information
P.O. Box 9321, Jerusalem 91092
Tel: +972-2-676-9460  Fax: +972-2-676-8011
Cellphone: +972-(0)52-238-1715
gershon@ipcri.org  hanna@ipcri.org

Submitted by Gladys Tiffany

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HAPPENINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED

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ENCyclopedia of PEace Education AVAIlable ONLINE

The online Encyclopedia of Peace Education provides a comprehensive overview of scholarly developments in the field to date as well as new insights from across the globe from various actors involved in advancing peace education internationally. This online resource serves as a living reference guide that traces the history and emergence of the field, highlights foundational concepts, contextualizes peace education practice across international and disciplinary borders, and suggests new directions for peace educators. Visit: www.peacefaq.com
More information on the book (Encyclopedia of Peace Education, 2008, Information Age Publishing) is also available at http://www.tc.edu/centers/epe/

Submitted by Dick Bennett

THE NUCLEAR RESISTER: CIVIL RESISTANCE SINCE 1980

The Nuclear Resister has provided comprehensive reporting on arrests for anti-nuclear resistance in the US with emphasis upon prisoner support. In 1990, the magazine added reporting on anti-war arrests in N. America, plus overseas resistance. Subscribe to learn about these heroes. Examples: Helen Woodson, nuclear resister, repeatedly imprisoned, will be released again 9-9-11. Military refuser: Robin Long, out 6-09. The magazine is sustained by Jack and Felice Cohen-Joppa, If you'd like more information about the Nuclear Resister or to contribute, visit nukeresister@igc.org

Submitted by Dick Bennett

PEACE AND JUSTICE 2009 CALENDARS

Cat Lovers Against the Bomb* by Nebraskans for Peace. www.catloversagainstthebomb.org, catcal@aol.com
Hidden History of the United States Calendar by The Progressive. www.progressive.org

Submitted by Dick Bennett

GREAT RESEARCH SOURCE FOR ANTI-WAR, CIVIL LIBERTIES/RIGHTS ADVOCATES

THE NATION MAGAZINE OFFERS ALL PAST CONTENTS FREE TO SUBSCRIBERS
A subscription now includes every article, editorial, and review back to 1865.

Submitted by Dick Bennett

HELP BOOK PUBLISHERS AND NEWSPAPERS

Publishing houses and newspapers across the country are cutting back in order to stay in business. The Morning News shrunk its size from 6 to 5 columns last month. Publishers are keen on books that can maximize profit--sex, salvation, sadism.

Many publishers remain, however, to provide diverse books that inspire the intellectual spirit and promote social change. Some of those publishers are The New Press, South End Press, Common Courage Press, Seven Stories, Beacon. Clarity Press just now published American Wars, Illusions and Realities. Perseus published We Who Dared to Say No to War. If you buy books, look at their offerings, as well as to magazines that give access to independent minds: we won't have them if you don't subscribe to them.

Submitted by Dick Bennett

OMNI EVENTS POSTED ON FLICKR.COM

Thanks to Ted Swedenburg for posting photos from Omni Events on flickr.com
http://www.flickr.com/groups/53408817@N00/pool/

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 
Mindspace: www.readwrite.typepad.com/meditation 
Tibetspace: www.readwrite.typepad.com/artibet 
Institute website: www.artibet.com

From Leigh Wilkerson - Larrapin Garden blog at http://larrapin.blogspot.com

OMNI/COMMUNITY ACCESS TELEVISION (C.A.T.) CONNECTIONS
www.catfayetteville.com

OMNI Month In Review:

Omni Month in Review with Moderator Claire Detels can be watched live on Wednesday, November 19; the repeats will be thru the month on Sunday at 1:00p.m.

Democracy NOW! Schedule: (NOTE: DUE TO FSTV FUNDRAISING, THE EVENING VIEWING OF DEMOCRACY NOW WILL ONLY SHOW FROM 6:30P.M. - 7:00P.M.. THE MORNING SHOW WILL RUN IN ITS USUAL TIME SLOT)

- Tuesdays, 11/04, 11/11 6:30-7:00p.m.  Democracy NOW!
- Thursdays 11/06, 11/13 6:30-7:00p.m. Democracy NOW!
- Friday 11/07, 11/14 6:30-7:00p.m. Democracy NOW!
- Sunday 11/08, 11/15 6:30-7:00p.m. Democracy NOW!

Free Speech TV (FSTV) sponsored by Omni - 3:00a.m. - 9:00a.m. - FSTV continues its cutting edge challenges, pushing us to think. www.freespeechtv.com Omni Center is pleased to provide FSTV to our local Community Access Television

   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 Visit the Democracy Now Website to view:

Omni Book Samplers:
Book Samplers give a five minute book report or read a five minute excerpt from a book. If you like to read and would like to share and encourage others to read books that you find informative and interesting, please volunteer to be a Book Sampler. Contact: Dick Bennett jbennet@uark.edu

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 Shows on C.A.T.
Peace Train radio 1610AM is presenting a series of 1 hour music/slide show programs on Fayetteville CAT.

Monday, 11/03/2008
6:00 pm   Peace Train 1610 AM

Friday, 11/07/2008
10:00 pm   Peace Train 1610 AM

Monday, 11/10/2008
6:00p.m.   Peace Train 1610 AM

Friday, 11/14/2008
10:00p.m.   Peace Train 1610 AM

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

CASUALTIES IN IRAQ
The Human Cost of Occupation
Edited by Margaret Griffis :: Contact

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Latest Fatality Oct. 29, 2008
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IRAQI CIVILIAN BODY COUNT

Civilians reported killed by military intervention in Iraq

MIN.   MAX.
88,780  -  96,900

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* in 2006; its estimate at that time was 600,000 (min) to 650,000 (max). Some sources estimate the death toll of civilian deaths today is over 1,000,000

COST OF THE WAR IN IRAQ

$567,000,000,000 and counting

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

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**MILESTONES**

**November 4** - Election Day (2008)

**November 7** - First independent Chinese American women's organization is founded by Clara Lee (1913)

  Missoula, Montana voters establish the nation’s first nuclear-free zone (1978)

**November 8** - Dorothy Day, founder of the Catholic Worker Movement was born (1897)

  Socialist Norman Thomas wins almost 900,000 votes for president of the U.S. (1932)

**November 9** - John Lewis found Congress of Industrial Organizations

**November 10** - 1st U.S. gay-Orights organization, the society for Human Rights, founded in Chicago (1924)

**November 12** - Feminist Elizabeth Cady Stanton was born (1815)

  Berkeley city council votes to provide symbolic sanctuary for draft resisters (1971)

**November 13** - First recorded sit-down strike, Hormel Packing Co., Austin, Minnesota (1933)


  International Day of the Indian declared by World Council of Indigenous Peoples (1977)

**November 16** - Women's Pentagon Action (1980)

  Federal District Judge Jack Tanner orders Washington State to pay female employees their "compatible worth" (1983)