There is no time left for anything but to make peace work a dimension of our every waking activity.

—Elise Boulding

OMNI CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS and TELL YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:
HIROSHIMA/NAGASAKI COMMEMORATION
SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2008

Music and singing when we gather for processional; readings, music at Fulbright Peace Fountain, Special Video Underground: University of Arkansas Professor Dale Carpenter's A New Island. More details about the event in coming newsletters.

--July 9, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Omni Center's NWACC Student Chapter Summer Film Festival, Speaking Freely: Ray McGovern on U.S. Intelligence - White Auditorium, Burns Hall 1080 NorthWest Arkansas Community College, Bentonville, Arkansas (just off I540 at Exist 85.) - This film presents veteran CIA-analyst Ray McGovern who discusses the inner-workings of the intelligence agency and its role in the Iraq War Admission is free and a discussion will follow each film. For more information, contact Edrene McKay at EdreneMcKay@cox.net or 479-855-6836.

--Sunday, July 13, 2008 2:00pm - 4:00pm, Earth Scouts Kids Club, Jones Center Room 222 - Kids ages 2-15 and their families will have a blast earning badges and learning about saving the earth and the creatures that live on her - including humans. More info contact Sara at sara@everydaysimple.org

--July 10, Friday, 6:30 p.m., Nightbird Books, The Omni Book Forum - The Book WORSHIPPING THE MYTHS OF WORLD WAR II: REFLECTIONS ON AMERICA'S DEDICATION TO WAR by Edward Wood, Jr. This book is short, clear, and significant.

The book will hopefully end the fraudulent exploitation of WWII to promote and defend all the wars of aggression by the US since WWII.

Panelists are:

David Edwards, retired Professor of History at the U of A, where he headed the honors students in the Fulbright College. Since retirement he has been an active member of the Unitarian Fellowship.

John Rule, served in the U.S. Army 1953-55, discharged as Sgt. He received his BA and MA from the UofA 1955, retired from teaching at Arkansas Tech in 1976, and became a farmer in the Boston Mountains, where he resides. His interests are world and personal peace, ecology, and sustainability.

Steve Striffler, Professor of Anthropology and Latin American Studies at the University of Arkansas. He is on the Board of the NW Arkansas Workers Justice Center and author of Chicken: The Dangerous Transformation of America’s Favorite Food (Yale University Press, 2005).

Lyell Thompson, Retired Professor of Agriculture, UofA, lifelong advocate of civil rights and liberties, WWII veteran: European Theater, Battle of the Bulge.

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--July 17, Thursday, 5:30p.m. Potluck, 6:00p.m.- Omni Steering Committee Meeting, Deep End of United Campus Ministries, 902 W. Maple, Fayetteville, AR

--July 20, 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 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.

--Sunday, July 27, 2008, 2:00pm - 4:00pm, Earth Scouts Kids Club, Jones Center Room 222 - Kids ages 2-15 and their families will have a blast earning badges and learning about saving the earth and the creatures that live on her - including humans. More info contact Sara at sara@everydaysimple.org

WHAT'S GOING ON? --LOCALLY

NEW ITEMS IN GREEN

VEGETARIAN CLUB?

Contact Dick if you would actively support the creation of an OMNI vegetarian group--to gather for meals, exchange recipes, and explore the value of vegetarianism. Any stage or degree of commitment would be acceptable. jbennet@uark.edu

SMALL WORLD: "EARTH VISIONS FROM THE OZARKS"

Tuesday, July 8 2008, 7:00pm - 8:30pm
Small World is a plan to over-view environmental work in Northwest Arkansas by creating a public television series that devotes time to the many different activities being done by people here, to make their earth sustainable. Meetings will happen every two weeks on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, no matter what the calendar says.

OMNI BIBLIOGRAPHY #29 NOW AVAILABLE IN OUR WEBSITE

www.omnicenter.org Click on biblios at bottom of home page. This bibliography provides substantial knowledge on diverse subjects essential to effective action. From books on citizen resistance, the growing presence of commodification, the betrayal of Africa, the animal no kill movement, and a new focus in the anti-war movement, to the dismantling of democracy and fundamentalist religion, to global warming, hope, peace education, sprawl, and victims, accompanied by numerous cross-references, this biblio., like the others, provides resources for enjoyable, diverse reading for action.
U.S. INSTITUTE OF PEACE
NATIONAL PEACE ESSAY CONTEST 2008
2007-2008 Winners and Honorable Mentions (Arkansas Shines)

The US Institute of Peace holds the National Peace Essay Contest every year for high-school students. Arkansas’ winners are listed below. First Place Winner Kensey Berry, Little Rock, also received the 2nd place national award of $5000! First place award is $10,000! Big Deal! Find more information on the awards and awardees at the USIP website at www.usip/ed/npec.

ARKANSAS
First Place
Kensey M. Berry
Pulaski Academy
Little Rock, Arkansas
Coordinator: Mr. Bill Topich
Ms. Ginger Kidd

ARKANSAS
Honorable Mention
Alexandra C. Sing
Pulaski Academy
Little Rock, Arkansas
Coordinator: Mr. Bill Topich
Ms. Ginger Kidd

MAKE YOUR WISHES KNOWN FOR A BETTER WORLD

The leaders of eight of the world’s wealthiest nations (the G8) will meet in Japan in early July amid increasing global food insecurity, rising energy costs and continued economic inequality.

Women play a primary role in all communities as food producers, heads of households, caregivers, and workers. Join us in calling on world leaders to make good on their promises to invest in women and communities most affected by poverty.

Every July, the people of Japan celebrate Tanabata by making their wishes for the coming year, and tying them to a bamboo tree. This year, make your wish for immediate action from the G8 on education, health and HIV/AIDS, climate change and international aid -- all of which can improve the lives of millions of women around the world.

Your wish, along with millions of others will be handed to the Japanese Prime Minister on July 6, the day before the meetings begin.

To join in taking action, visit http://www.wfnet.org/take-action/online
ENTRIES FOR PEACE MOVEMENT DIRECTORY INVITED

The United Nations proclaimed the first ten years of the 21st Century the Decade of Peace and issued a Manifesto for a Culture of Peace. The peace and justice movements in Mexico, the United States, and Canada have striven to make that envisioned future possible. This second edition of PEACE MOVEMENT DIRECTORY continues the work of the first edition (McFarland 2001)--enabling organizations, programs, museums, and publishers to share ideas for peace and justice and to increase their connections and coalitions. Each Entry with links and the detailed cross-referenced Index will encourage building a Culture of Peace for a North American peace movement. Peace places (monuments, parks, gardens) are also included. Contact Dick Bennett 442-4600 jbennet@uark.edu

THE 11TH ANNUAL 2008 INTERNATIONAL PEACE PALS™ ART EXHIBITION & AWARDS

Deadline for entry is June 30th
Awards Gala and Event scheduled on September 20-21. To learn more visit: http://www.wppspeacepals.org/

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. If you wish to co-sponsor and help build the conference, please contact kstade@cspinet.org.
Conference details and registration will soon be available at: http://www.cspinet.org/integrity/conflictedscience_conf.html
FRESH MEDIA OFFERINGS TO CHECK OUT

AMORY LOVINS VIDEO CAN BE VIEWED ON THE WEB

If you didn’t have an opportunity to hear Amory Lovins when he spoke in Fayetteville, or even if you did, you can view him speaking at the following website:

http://www.ted.com/index.php/talks/amory_lovins_on_winning_the_oil_endgame.html

Amory Lovins was worried (and writing) about energy long before global warming was making the front -- or even back -- page of newspapers. Since studying at Harvard and Oxford in the 1960s, he's written dozens of books, and initiated ambitious projects -- cofounding the influential, environment-focused Rocky Mountain Institute; prototyping the ultra-efficient Hypercar -- to focus the world's attention on alternative approaches to energy and transportation.

His critical thinking has driven people around the globe -- from world leaders to the average Joe -- to think differently about energy and its role in some of our biggest problems: climate change, oil dependency, national security, economic health, and depletion of natural resources.

WEBSITES AND LOCAL CONNECTIONS

WEBSITES FOR SOLAR, WIND, RENEWABLE ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES

IN ARKARKANSAS

www.arkansasrenewableenergy.org/

ArkansasRenewableEnergy.org is your Internet portal for information on solar, geothermal, and other renewable energy technologies in Arkansas!

Submitted by Chris Delacruz

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

**OMNI/COMMUNITY ACCESS TELEVISION (C.A.T.) CONNECTIONS**

www.catfayetteville.com

OMNI Month In Review:

*OMNI Month in Review* with Guest Moderator Bill Williams can be watched live on a Wednesday, July 23; the repeats will be thru the month on Sunday at 12:30. Repeats of June’s OMIR can be viewed on Sundays, July 6, July 13.

Democracy NOW! Schedule:

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Free Speech TV (FSTV) sponsored by Omni - 3:00a.m. - 9:00a.m. - FSTV continues its cutting edge challenges, pushing us to think. *Ecosocialism or Barbarism* by Joel Kovel (2007), a Marxist analysis of capitalism, was aired June 25. Accumulation, competition, creation of surplus value, increasing workers’ productivity, commodifying everything, overproduction, perpetual expansion of consumption by advertising equals an inherently unsustainable system. 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:

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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:** 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m., 11:00 p.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, 9:00 p.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

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**CASUALTIES IN IRAQ**

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

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Latest Fatality June 26, 2008
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**IRAQI CIVILIAN BODY COUNT**

*Civilians reported killed by military intervention in Iraq*

MIN.  
85,323  
MAX.  
93,065

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
$532,000,000,000 and counting
Source of Cost of War: http://nationalpriorities.org

CONTACT YOUR CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

- **Senator Blanche Lincoln**: Web Site (they have contact links): www.lincoln.senate.gov; http://www.lincoln.senate.gov/index.cfm; http://www.lincoln.senate.gov/webform.html
    Phone: (202) 224-4843 Fax: (202) 228-1371.
  - 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
    Phone: (501) 324-6336 Fax: (501) 324-5320
- **Congressman John Boozman**, District 3, 12 counties from Benton to Washington
  Harrison office: 870-741-6900; 402 N. Walnut, Suite 210, Harrison 72601.

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### Anniversary and Birthdays July 1 - July 13

**July 1**—Atomic Bomb test at Bikini Atoll - 1946
  Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty opened for signatures - 1968
  International Criminal Court Treaty comes into effect - 2002

**July 4**—Independence Day
  Women's Peace Encampment begins in Seneca Falls, New York - 1983

**July 5**—National Labor Relations Act passed, recognizing workers' right to organize and bargain collectively - 1935

**July 7**—Sandra Day O’Connor appointed first woman justice to the United States Supreme Court - 1981

**July 10**—Mary McLeod Bethune, black educator and activist, born - 1875

**July 11**—Niagara Movement, later to become NAACP, founded - 1905
  American Indian Movement Founded - 1968