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OMNI CENTER NEWSLETTER

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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.

--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

--Monday, July 14, 2008, Earth Teens.
5:30p.m. - Lake Wilson Hike and speaker about water. Meet at Walker Park at 5:30p.m. to carpool to Lake Wilson. Carpool leaves Walker Park at 5:45p.m. Return at 8:30p.m. to Walker Park. Wear clothes and shoes to hike in. Bring water and snack, bug spray. For more information, please contact Rachel Tebbetts at 479-643-3117

--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 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.

--July 23, Wednesday, 6:30p.m., Omni Center's NWACC Student Chapter Summer Film Festival, SPEAKING FREELY: CHALMERS JOHNSON ON U.S. HEGEMONY. White Auditorium, Burns Hall 1080 NorthWest Arkansas Community College, Bentonville, Arkansas (just off I540 at Exit 85.) - This film reveals the wisdom of former naval officer and consultant to the CIA Chalmers Johnson who explains why empire-building and democracy do not mix. Admission is free and a discussion will follow each film. For more information, contact Edrene McKay at EdreneMcKay@cox.net or 479-855-6836.

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**OTHER ORGANIZATIONS' UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

-- **July 26, Saturday, 2:00p.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? -- LOCALLY**

**NEW ITEMS IN GREEN**

**OMNI VEGETARIAN GROUP**

Central to a *Culture of Peace* is surely vegetarianism. Originally vegetarianism was advocated on moral grounds; during recent years health arguments have reinforced the ethical, and now climate disruption is added to make a powerful case for vegetarianism. Yet proponents are publicly silent. Let us create the Voice of Vegetarians (both the totally devoted and the newcomers) for NWA. Contact Dick Bennett jbennet@uark.edu

**WHAT'S GOING ON? -- NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY**

**NEW ITEMS IN GREEN**

**CONGRESSIONAL SCORECARD FOR THE 110TH CONGRESS**

PEACE ACTION has published its annual tabulation of Congressional votes by individual House and Senate members. For both main attention is given to votes on the war in Iraq. House votes on Iran/war powers, weapons spending, and military aids are also included. Senate votes on Iran and torture/Justice Dept. are included. www.Peace-Action.org; 301-565-4050. Check out Boozman, Lincoln, Pryor.

**UNION FOR RADICAL POLITICAL ECONOMICS SUMMER CONFERENCE**

THINK OUTSIDE THE BOMB
NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE ON NUCLEAR ABOLITION IN BOSTON, MA,
AUGUST 14-17, 2008

Submitted by davidswanson on Sun, 2008-07-13

Apply Now!

Join the Think Outside the Bomb network for four days of learning, sharing, and activism, August 14-17 at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston, MA. The conference will provide a backdrop for nuclear abolitionists, peace activists, ecologists, and other advocates of social justice and a livable planet to learn in-depth about the threat of nuclear weapons, the destruction caused by the nuclear fuel chain, and current political opportunities to move toward nuclear disarmament. To apply, visit http://thinkoutsidethebomb.org

Think Outside the Bomb is unique: it is the only conference of its kind that is fully organized and led by youth (roughly defined as under-29), and does more than educate students and young people on the issues surrounding nuclear weapons, waste, and power -- it places us in the forefront of the movement, making change happen! Like previous conferences, Think Outside the Bomb will provide food and transportation to and from the conference for all participants!

UNICEF, RESCuing CHILDREN

DISPLAY FOR BANNED BOOKS WEEK IN SEPTEMBER

The 2008 edition of the Long Island Coalition Against Censorship’s "Censorship in Schools and Libraries" exhibit is available for display for Banned Books Week in Sept. For details contact www.the-licac.org. Email: coalcen1@verizon.net This will cost only $40 post paid.

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW

"ENGAGING THE OTHER:"
The Power of Compassion
September 4 - 7, 2008
San Francisco (San Mateo), California, USA

An international, multi-cultural, multi-disciplinary conference examining concepts of "The OTHER" from a universal, cross-cultural perspective to promote wider public dialogue about concepts of "Us and Them"
Sponsored by Common Bond Institute
Co-Sponsored by:
International Humanistic Psychology Association,
Institute of Imaginal Studies and Institute of Noetic Science
Registration is Open To: Professionals and the General Public
Conference Details at:
www.cbiworld.org/Pages/Conferences_ETO.htm
(copy & paste address into your browser)

Supported by a growing international list of over 90 organizations and universities
E-Conference Address: US Congressmen Dennis Kucinich, US Congresswoman John Conyers
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Yet to be Confirmed: Danny Glover, Carolyn Lukensmyer

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

FIRST EARTH TEENS MEETING WAS A BLAST!

Earth Teens held their first meeting June 30 at Walker Park. We were a small, but enthusiastic group. Others plan to join us, and we’re excited about the possibilities. If you, or someone you know, is age 11-17 and wants to spend time with other kids learning to live lightly and rightly on the earth, Earth Teens is the place.

If you have questions, call Team Leader Rachel Tebbetts at 479-643-3117. We look forward to including you in the fun. The summer schedule is listed below.

Earth Teens Summer Schedule

WATER    July 14 and 28

Monday, July 14
Meet at Walker Park at 5:30p.m. to carpool to Lake Wilson. Carpool leaves at 5:45p.m. Return at 8:30p.m. to Walker Park. Wear clothes and shoes to hike in. Bring water, snack, and insect repellent.

Monday, July 28
Swimming Outing, Meet at Walker Park at 5:30p.m. to carpool. Bring swimsuit, towel and insect repellent. (More details in next news letter).

EARTH     August 10
and 24

Sunday, August 10
Meet at Walker Park at 3:30p.m. to carpool to Terra Studios. Arrive at Terra at 4:00-4:15p.m.. Discussion on Permaculture and Gardening activity. Walk the Labyrinth and Grounding exercise. Return to Walker Park.

Sunday August 24
Go caving somewhere TBA

AIR

September Meetins at Wattle Hollow
OMNI’S JULY BOOK FORUM: WORSHIPPING THE MYTHS OF WWII

On July 10, OMNI’s Book Forum held its first forum at Nightbird Books. The panelists were excellent, and the room packed.

The first speaker assessed the 4 myths (great war, greatest generation, US won WWII, US good vs. evil); the second explored implications of WWII losers becoming wiser, the victors less wise; the third connected personal experiences with the various parts of the book and the 4th panelist offered the perspective of a WWII veteran of the Battle of the Bulge (the author of the book, Worshipping the Myths of WWII, Edward Wood Jr., was also a WWII European combat veteran).

The audience response was lively. For those who attended, please send me your suggestions for our September Forum on books on climate disruption (Heat or Six Degrees).

Book Forums are one more element of OMNI’s Culture of Peace Building, by We, the People.

Submitted by Dick Bennett
jbennet@uark.edu

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 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:
Tuesdays, 7/15, 7/22  6:00p.m.  Democracy NOW!
Thursdays 7/17, 7/24  6:00p.m.  Democracy NOW!
Friday 7/18, 7/25  6:00p.m.  Democracy NOW!
Sunday 7/29, 7/27  6:00p.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. 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:

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

CASUALTIES IN IRAQ

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

American Military Casualties in Iraq

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Latest Fatality July 10, 2008
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IRAQI CIVILIAN BODY COUNT

Civilians reported killed by military intervention in Iraq

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\text{MIN.} \quad 85,966 \quad - \quad 93,778 \quad \text{MAX.}
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*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

\$536,000,000,000 and counting

Source of Cost of War: [http://nationalpriorities.org](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);
  [http://www.lincoln.senate.gov/index.cfm](http://www.lincoln.senate.gov/index.cfm);
  [http://www.lincoln.senate.gov/webform.html](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://www.pryor.senate.gov);
  [http://pryor.senate.gov/contact/](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.

Anniversary and Birthdays July 14 – July 27

July 16—First Atomic Bomb exploded at Alamogordo, New Mexico - 1945
July 19—First Women's Rights Convention held in Seneca Falls, New York 1848
July 21—New Orleans Tribune, black-run daily newspaper, begins publication - 1864
July 26—Department of Defense established - 1947
—Americans with Disabilities Act signed into Law - 1990
July 27—House Judiciary Committee votes for the impeachment of President Nixon - 1974