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OMNI CENTER---UPCOMING EVENTS, MEETINGS and CALENDAR

SPECIAL MESSAGES

PREVENT WAR WITH IRAN !  OPPOSE HCR 362

More than 260 members of Congress have cosponsored legislation --H. Con. Res. 362-- demanding the president impose a land, sea, and air interdiction of all people and goods moving into and out of Iran. By whatever name it is called, unless authorized by the UN, this action would be widely construed as a blockade and an act of war. It also endorses an international travel ban of all Iranian officials, putting Congress on record in support of severing Iran’s diplomatic ties throughout the globe.

This bill does not authorize force, but it demands the president to implement measures that to be effective would require the use of force. Due to heavy grassroots pressure, the bill has been delayed from coming up for a vote and several members have withdrawn their co-sponsorship. However, this bill could be brought to the floor anytime in September so call your member of Congress at the Capitol Hill switchboard number: (202) 225-0100 and urge that they make their opposition known! Visit FCNL’s Iran page at www.fcnl.org/iran where you can email your rep and get more info on the bill.

ARKANSAS BIPARTISAN WARRIORS

Reps. Berry, Boozman, and Ross are cosponsors of the bill. Rep. Snyder is the only rep from Arkansas who isn't and should be thanked profusely and encouraged to stay off of the bill.

Here is our action alert (which will go automatically to your rep if you fill in the address info and take into account whether or not they are already a cosponsor): http://capwiz.com/fconl/issues/alert/?alertid=11521886

Here are our talking points against the bill: http://www.fcnl.org/issues/item.php?item_id=3369&issue_id=123
And here are our set of Q and A on the bill: http://www.fcnl.org/issues/item.php?item_id=3380&issue_id=123

Please ask Congressman Boozman to oppose HCR 362. None of us have any illusions that he'll listen to us, but he needs to know that he doesn't have carte blanche support from his constituency for this kind of belligerency. Contact info for Cong Boozman is at the end of this newsletter. Thank you for keeping the flame alive.

Information from Kate Gould, Legislative Program Assistant for Foreign Policy
Friends Committee on National Legislation
and Gladys Tiffany

MOVING FORWARD TOWARD A PERMANENT HOME

As OMNI begins the investigation of finding a new home, we need the services of a commercial realtor. If you are such a realtor or know someone who is, contact Richard Tiffany at (479)973-9049. We are especially looking for someone who would work with us at a reduced fee rate.
DID YOU THINK THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION
GOT A LITTLE CARRIED AWAY?

From Gladys Tiffany

It's been an eventful week for social change groups around the country. In the aftermath of the Republican National Convention in St. Paul, many are licking wounds and hiring lawyers. If you'd known what it was going to be like, would you like to have gone?

Most clashes protesters had with St. Paul police never appeared on the news anywhere. Beginning on Monday, at least six house raids occurred on groups as they met peacefully to plan nonviolent protests. Journalists and those documenting police behavior seemed to be targeted at several points during the convention. Reports of police brutality were common. There were several stories like the one where police wrestled a protester to the ground so that they could yank away his protective goggles, and mace him directly in the eyes. Repeated tazerings and beatings severe enough to cause internal bleeding were recorded. Charges for arrested protesters often included the words "terrorist," though many were dropped. The stories are grim and well-documented.

Unfortunately, very little of this was reported in the mainstream media. Even on NPR, reporters glossed over the officially sanctioned violence to talk about questionable behavior by protesters, and gave sympathetic coverage of police press conferences. TV coverage was even worse.

On Friday, the ACLU announced that it would represent Amy Goodman, Democracy NOW anchor, the show's producers and other journalists who were arrested. It's possible that other protesters could be included in the lawsuit. Amnesty International has also expressed concern for disproportionate use of force by St. Paul officials. The concerns arise from independent media reports, as well as video and photographic images that show police officers excessively using non-lethal weapons on non-violent protesters.

There have also been reports of agreements between St. Paul officials and the Republican National Party that the party would cover the first $10 million in legal bills for the results of policies that sheriff's deputies and police officers used in dealing with protesters. If these reports prove to be true, than the behavior of the St. Paul police department seems to support efforts by the Republican National Committees to intimidate dissent.

For the past eight years, the administration in power has exhibited fear of dissent, and a willingness to gag any free speech that has opposed their policies and actions. Fear is clearly at the core of decisions that were made about this convention. There has been no room for transparency on the part of those in the current administration because they're afraid of being revealed for what they are. Those who follow this administration's party line operate with policies designed to prohibit any questioning of its authority. The task for us, who take exception to the rulers, is to find our own core of courage, and steel ourselves to the kind of nonviolent discipline that Gandhi carried with him throughout his struggles. The future may call for even more of that.

The other strength we must learn to rely on is the set of bonds we develop with those who share our values. There really are lots of us, and we need each other. To consciously learn how to reach across boundaries of language, creed, race and culture is a skill set that progressives need to study all across the globe. We can do that in Arkansas, and we must. The things we learn from the Republican National Convention are incredibly valuable for observing just how important that is.

Another interesting lesson from the last week is to look at it as a marker on a check-list. Remember the quote from Gandhi that says: "First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win." Well, we're beyond the laughing stage, aren't we? Think about what comes next.

(See related article below in “What's Happening – Nationally and Internationally”)

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Peace is a beautiful thing, but not simple . . . especially in our convoluted world. The Omni Center has been working for eight years now, and many times we have wondered if we're any closer to our goals. We've learned a lot though; we're smarter about the real way our economic and government systems operate, and maybe more cynical.

As the elections approach, we need to prepare for a new phase of work on peace, justice and environmental issues. And, we need to tighten the bonds that help us work together well. We'll need each other even more in the uncertain future.

Beginning September 20, Omni will begin a new monthly forum series meant to address those things. We'll meet every third Saturday except for December and January. Here's a little bit about the schedule for the rest of this year:

**SEPTEMBER PROGRAM:**
Is Peace a Pipedream? Things Peace people need to talk about: Addressing the old saw: “You can't fight Hitler with nonviolence.”

Maybe you can. Great short film from the Nonviolent Peaceforce explores WWII experience in Denmark. Followed by discussion and snacks.

**OCTOBER PROGRAM:**
Justice on Trial in Northwest Arkansas – the Immigrant Experience.

Workers Justice Center will talk about experience in the field here, some about the national scene, and answer question you have about immigrations issues, but have been afraid to ask.

**NOVEMBER PROGRAM:**
Peace and Environment-Uneasy Bedfellows or Symbiant Organisms?

Omni Enviro Committee, the Carbon Caps Task Force, will talk about the new awareness among both peace and environmental groups about how much our work is intimately connected, and that WE REALLY NEED EACH OTHER.

This is only the beginning. There’s lots more to learn about this peace-making business.

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**OMNI CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

---**September 11, Thursday, Patriot Day** – Families for Peaceful Tomorrows is sponsoring *LaOnf 2008: A Project for Promoting Nonviolent Solutions in Iraq*

The Iraqi civil-society organization LaOnf (which means “no violence” in Arabic) is a network of Iraqi activists building a nonviolence movement to resist occupation, terrorism and corruption in Iraq.

Peaceful Tomorrows is launching a Solidarity Campaign in support of LaOnf. You can get involved by screening of a documentary on LaOnf in your home or community! For more information on how you can take part in this project toward peace, visit [www.peacefultomorrows.org](http://www.peacefultomorrows.org) (For more information of focusing on peace during this anniversary, see “What’s Going On-Nationally and Internationally” below)

---**September 12, Friday, 6:30 p.m., OMNI Book Forum, Nightbird Books, Old Mill Building, Corner of School and 6th Streets, Fayetteville** – Heat, Six Degrees, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Carbon Free and Nuclear Free, Earth the Sequel. (See details and panelists under Local Current Events and Information below)
--- **Sunday, September 14, 7:30p.m., Video Underground, United Campus Ministries Chapel, 902 W. Maple** - “The Future of Food” (about the proliferation of genetically engineered food in recent times). For more information, visit [www.omnicenter.org](http://www.omnicenter.org)

--- **September 18, Thursday, 5:30p.m. Potluck, 6:00p.m.** - Omni Steering Committee Meeting, Deep End of United Campus Ministries, 902 W. Maple, Fayetteville, AR

--- **September 21, 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 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 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](mailto:howl@herwords.org). HOWL is a collaboration between Herwords and the Omni Center, supported Nightbird Books in Fayetteville, AR.

--- **September 27, 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](http://fayfreethinkers.com/forums/viewforum.php?f=11)

--- **October 4, Saturday, 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.

--- **Sunday, October 5, 7:00p.m., Omni Open Mic for Peace, Nightbird Books** - Bring your poem or musical composition about peace, justice or ecology. Or bring one you’ve read or heard and share.

**OTHER ORGANIZATIONS---UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

--- **September 27, Saturday, 2:00p.m., Fayetteville Free Thinkers, Fayetteville Public Library**

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

**LOCALLY: CITY, COUNTY, STATE**

(New Items will have Green Heading)

**FA汝ETTIVELLE VOTERS TO VOTE ON LOW PRIORITY**

Fayetteville, AR: Fayetteville voters will have the choice on Election Day to vote on making adult marijuana possession the lowest police priority. Sensible Fayetteville initiative sponsors turned in just over 1000 additional signatures on August 29 to meet a shortfall of 301 valid signatures. City Clerk Sondra Smith contacted campaign coordinator Ryan Denham today to say that the petition has qualified with over the required total of 3686 signatures were required to qualify the petition.
Denham praised the city clerk and staff for their professional conduct and courtesy during the laborious verification process. "They worked hard. We were impressed by city operations."

"Now we turn our attention to providing more in-depth information to the voters leading up to Election Day. 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."

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

SIERRA CLUB/NO COAL PETITION

From Glen Hooks
Hello Sierrans and Friends:

Our coal fight continues! We have been very busy battling to keep dirty, coal-fired power plants from being built here in Arkansas.

Want to help? Go to https://secure2.convio.net/sierra/site/SPageNavigator/CoalUSDAPetitionPageArkansas and sign our petition to Arkansas’ energy providers, which reads as follows:

I urge my local power provider to reallocate any proposed investment in coal into clean, safe, renewable energy sources and efficiency measures that will provide real consumer relief and a clean environment for generations to come.
We need to break our addiction to fossil fuels and shift to clean energy and efficiency programs that can meet energy demand and stimulate our local economy.
An investment in coal is a large step backwards. I do not support investing in a dirty fuel source that will drive up costs and increase my utility bill.
We need sensible energy solutions now, and real investment in energy efficiency and clean, renewable energy to take our state smartly into the future.
Please take a moment to sign the petition today, and forward to your friends and neighbors.

Together, we can keep dirty coal-fired power plants OUT of Arkansas!

Glen Hooks, Sr. Regional Representative
Sierra Club

Submitted by Art hobson

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SIERRA CLUB JOB OPENING

- FULL-TIME, GRANT-DEPENDENT, LIMITED DURATION (ENDS 6 MONTHS + 1 DAY FROM DATE OF HIRE)
- SALARY: CATEGORY 05 - $2,666+/MONTH, COMMENSURATE WITH SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE PLUS BENEFITS
- THIS POSITION IS REPRESENTED BY A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT.

Job Date:
Job No.: R1053A
Category: 05
Union: (JML100)
FLSA: Exempt
FTE:1.0

Sierra Club Job Description
Job Title: Associate Regional Representative, National Coal Campaign
Department: Conservation/Little Rock, AR
Reports to: Regional Staff Director, Southern Region

Context: Carries out the strategies and activities for the National Coal Campaign in Arkansas. Participates in the development of strategies and priorities for the National Coal Campaign, and for the Arkansas Chapter.

Scope: The Associate Regional Representative coordinates with chapter and national staff and volunteers on a broad, education effort on coal and related energy and conservation issues throughout the Southern Region.

Job Activities: Works to develop and/or support strong Sierra Club committees and presence in the state on issues of coal and related energy and conservation issues. Collaborates in development of campaign strategy and implementation, including developing strong grassroots networks. Represents Sierra Club to the public and in the media, including developing public education and media strategy, in coordination with staff and volunteers. Develops positive working relationships with existing coalitions on coal and related energy and conservation issues; works to build and sustain issue coalitions. Educates and trains volunteer leaders, including writing training materials. Lobbying public officials on issues of importance to Sierra Club.

Coordinates preparation of special reports and other publications and alerts. Participates in political campaign strategy and works on electoral campaigns. Participates in various issue committee and conservation meetings. Monitors or participates in public meetings and local activities around the state related to coal development and related energy and conservation issues. Performs miscellaneous duties as directed. Seasonal Activities: Heavier seasonal workloads may occur as a result of project deadlines, staff absences and vacancies, and during peak activity periods. Frequent weekend and/or evening work required.

Knowledge and Skills: B.A./B.S. degree in Environmental Studies, Political Science or a closely related field. 1-2 years’ experience in the environmental field that includes research and organizing campaigns, press relations and public speaking. Valid driver’s license, satisfactory driving record, and proof of auto insurance required. Requires extensive travel. Good written and oral communication skills Prior experience and ability writing training and information materials. Prior experience and knowledge of the legislative process. Experience in lobbying state and federal officials preferred. Demonstrated ability and effectiveness working with volunteers.

Sierra Club is an equal opportunity employer committed to a diverse workforce. If you are interested in submitting an application, visit: greenarjobs@googlegroups.com

NADI CINEMA – THE MIDDLE EAST FILM CLUB – ANNOUNCES THE FALL 2008 LINE-UP

All Films will be screened in 104 Mullins Library @ 7:00 pm. All Films are free and open to the public, and all are subtitled in English

Hosted by Joel Gordon, Professor of History 575-4755 / joelg@uark.edu

September 10 – Al-Yawm al-Sadis / The Sixth Day (Egypt 1986)

We start by celebrating the rich, diverse career of the late Yousef Chahine. In this elegiac film, set during the cholera epidemic of 1947, a poor woman flees Cairo with her stricken grandson. Smuggled on board a felucca, they await the fateful sixth day, which will determine whether the ill boy lives or dies. This film marked the celebrated return to films of Dalida, the great French chanteuse who had left Egypt for international stardom in the late 1960s. Tragically, shortly afterwards she took her life. (105 minutes, Arabic)

September 24 – Taqva / A Man’s Fear of God (Turkey 2006)

A Man’s Fear of God explores the precarious balance between spiritual and material worlds. Muharram, a humble, pious man accepts employment at the lodge of a mystical order led by a charismatic shaykh. Soon his moral compass becomes unbalanced. Is he doing good works, furthering God’s path, or trafficking in ill-gained money? (96 minutes, Turkish)

NEW PEAR FARM: FARMING FOR OUR FUTURE, REDEFINING RURAL LIVING
Hi, Mary McDowell here.

I have spoken with many of you about a new Sustainable Agriculture project that is developing in Fayetteville. It is the New Pear Farm project, in conjunction with Ozark Regional Land Trust.

We are holding an informational gathering for interested folks on Thursday, September 11th at 7:30pm at the OmniCenterspace. That is in the United Campus Ministries at 902 W. Maple Street in Fayetteville. We will meet downstairs, so please use the East side basement entrance. The purpose of the meeting is to raise awareness of the project and get more people involved in the development process. Please note the meeting time has changed. The building will be in use until 7:30, so please do not come too early.

Please bring your enthusiasm and questions for this exciting project! I hope to see you all there. Also, if you know of someone who is interested in sustainable agriculture and sustainability education please spread the word and invite them along. Feel free to post this notice on any appropriate email groups as well.

Yours in Sustainability,
Mary McDowell

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ACLU FALL POTLUCK
CATHY BOYD’S HOME 2008 W. CLEVELAND
FAYETTEVILLE, AR

Bring a dish and a friend and enjoy the fellowship. For more information contact Ann Heffernan 582-1154 or email: heffernanann@aol.com. You can park in the lot next to the house on the grass.

WELCOMING THE SOJOURNER: FINDING THE CHURCH’S VOICE ON IMMIGRATION.

This conference will be held September 11-13, 2008 at Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas. It is sponsored by Arkansas Justice for Our Neighbors, Arkansas Conference, the General Board of Church and Society and the Arkansas Conference Board of Church and Society. Bishop Charles Crutchfield will be preaching on the Thursday night. Bishop Minerva Carcano of the Desert Southwest Conference will be the keynote speaker on Friday morning. The registration fee is $50 and you can register on-line at www.umc-gbcs.org/scjimmigration. For more information, contact the Rev. Stephen Copley at 501-374-3811 or at arjfon@aol.com

Submitted by Gladys Tiffany

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH KICK-OFF
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Panel Discussion: “Challenges of Latinos in the US and in NWAR”
11:00am - Multicultural Center, Reception to follow
Sponsored by the HHM Committee and LULAC
For more information about any of our Hispanic Heritage Month events, please contact the Multicultural Center at 479-575-2064
BANNED BOOKS WEEK EVENT
THURSDAY OCTOBER 2ND, 6 PM
TOM ANDES - UNDERGROUND AMERICA: NARRATIVES OF UNDOCUMENTED LIVES

McSweeney’s has issued the third book in its amazing Voice of Witness series. The series attempts to illuminate human rights crises in our country through oral history. This newest publication is Underground America: Narratives of Undocumented Lives. It tells the stories of two dozen of the millions of immigrants living in the US without legal status. They are living underground with little protection from exploitation and abuse. Tom Andes, a contributor to this edition, is living in Fayetteville and will be at Nightbird Books to discuss the book, sign copies, and meet with us one on one.

SAY NO TO BIGOTRY - SUPPORT REAL ARKANSAS FAMILY VALUES
EXERPT FROM A MESSAGE FROM RANDI ROMINE

So, the Family Council has enough signatures to get another bigoted piece of discrimination on the ballot. And while there will be a challenge to the signatures and possibly a lawsuit, we cannot sit back and hope that someone else will get the job done for us. It’s up to all of us who care about the rights of children to have homes, the rights of the LGBTQ community, and the rights of ALL Arkansas families, especially the many non-traditional families to take a stand against this initiative.

In addition to LGBTQ families there’s a whole lot more straight families in Arkansas who don’t fit the so called "traditional" family model of a married mom and dad raising their biological children. We cannot allow any group to define our families based on their religious beliefs. We are of many faiths and cultures and none of these should decide for us what our families look like. All families should be respected, valued and supported to ensure the continued strength of ALL of Arkansas’ families.

For more information about what you can do to help ensure that true family values are protected, visit artchangesu@yahoo.com

Submitted by Gladys Tiffany

WOMEN’S CREATIVITY RETREAT:
TAMING YOUR INNER CRITIC
(BY GIVING YOURSELF PERMISSION TO PLAY!)
SEPTEMBER 26, 27, 28 AT WATTLE HOLLOW
TO SIGN UP, EMAIL:
HILPOET@YAHOO.COM
(PUT "CREATIVITY" IN THE SUBJECT LINE)
OR CALL 479-582-9209

Poets and writers and closeted performers and artists of all persuasions, here comes the workshop for you! On Sept 26 we will meet at the fantastic Wattle Hollow for the first Taming Your Inner Critic Workshop. This is a full weekend of writing, music, performance, cooking, and playing with art specifically designed to overcome that negative
little voice in all our heads that whispers evil sentences like "You can't write, paint, sing, play, dance, fill in the blank." "You aren't good enough to stand and deliver." "You don't know how." "It's too late to start now."

Your workshop leaders, Mendy Knott, Donna Stjerna, Joy Fox and Chef Tuesday, are going to lead you in a chorused "It's not true!" We WILL write, sing, dance, play musical instruments, cook, pat each other on the back, applaud, and laugh that mean little voice into silence. A new one will take its place that says, "I need to get started having a good time and taking risks and trying new things right this minute!" "I may be nervous, but that's no reason not to pick up my pen, my paints, my poem, my guitar, my harmonica, and kick up my heels!" The more fun we have, the more likely we are to create, and this workshop will prove it.

The entire weekend will cost you only $175. You can't beat the price and the time to sign up and get your check in the mail is now! It's first come, first served and we're only taking 15 women. So don't wait until the last minute. A full workshop this time will increase the likelihood of future workshops for women at Wattle Hollow.

(Check out Wattle Hollow at [www.wattlehollow.com](http://www.wattlehollow.com))

Life's a grand adventure and this is a cruise you don't want to miss. So jump on board and sail the blue waters of creativity with us. New friends for the journey will be found here! Encouragement and compassion abounds! So All Aboard and Anchors Away! Don't be late, sign up today!

September 26, 27, 28 at Wattle Hollow, To sign up, email: hillpoet@yahoo.com (put "creativity" in the subject line)

**GLOBAL WARMING COMMISSION HOLDS DECISION MEETING FOR FINAL REPORT**

**SEPTEMBER 9**

Another important environmental deadline is also coming up. On September 9, the Global Warming Commission holds the meeting where they will decide which issues to include in their final report. After that date, only minor changes in the bulk of the report will be made. We are at the wire.

Omni would like to take 25 NWA people to Little Rock that day to offer testimonials at the public comment period of the meeting. You don’t have to talk, or be an expert to make an impact this time. Just showing up will do it. 100 people saying, “I'm concerned about global warming,” will catch attention for sure.

Going to Little Rock is a long trip, and most of us try to avoid it, but this is a big deal. The governor and the energy industry Commissioners need to see that people care.

Global Warming Commission Meeting
Tuesday, September 9
State Capitol Building, Little Rock
Departure time TBA

If there's any chance you can go, email Gladys gladystiffany@yahoo.com or Maggie Bailey mtucker22@yahoo.com . We plan to have vans and busses to carpool, and have lunch at an interesting place. It'll be fun. Lots of fun. Hope you can come.

**PATRIOT DAY: September 11**

On Patriot Day, mourn the death of innocent victims here and everywhere which, of course, include those that have died at the hands of our military and militaries allied with the U.S. You can also celebrate heroic peacemakers and justice seekers.


Another 22,586-24,159 civilian deaths have been recorded in 2007 through Iraq Body Count's extensive monitoring of media and official reports. These figures, though undoubtedly incomplete, are the most comprehensive and well-established currently available, and show beyond any doubt that civil security in Iraq remains in a parlous state. Figures for the most recent months indicate that violence in Iraq has returned to the monthly levels IBC was recording in 2005, a year which was itself (until 2006) the worst since the invasion. The Iraq death toll in third year of occupation is highest yet IBC Press release, 9 Mar 2006.
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As of January 1st 2008, the IBC total for violent civilian deaths to the end of 2007 is 81,174-88,585 (including our preliminary figure of 902 for December 2007).

Submitted by Chris Delacruz

Patriot Day is also a good day to contact your senators and representative calling for the impeachment of George W. Bush and Richard (Dick) Cheney.

BOOK FORUMS, Building a Culture of Peace
by We, the People, Informed Citizens
Sponsor: OMNI Center for Peace, Justice, and Ecology
Contact Dick Bennett, 442-4600

BOOKS ON CO2 ESCALATION, GLOBAL HEATING, CLIMATE DISRUPTION
September 12, Friday, 6:30 p.m., NIGHTBIRD BOOKS

HEAT, SIX DEGREES, INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON CLIMATE CHANGE, CARBON FREE AND NUCLEAR FREE, EARTH THE SEQUEL.

Scientists of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change predict that global temperatures will rise by between one and six degrees over the course of this century unless we act decisively now. These books give a devastating picture of what will happen, and they explain what we must do to prevent it. Today's climate change is not a routine swing of a slow climate pendulum, but a rapid change, and caused mainly by human industrial development. But because humans have created it, there is hope humans can reverse it. Business as usual must be rejected. These books offer the reality needed to counter the greenwashing, footdragging, evading, distracting, deceiving, and lying now pervading US corporate and government announcements and advertisements as the established order clings to its profitable past. These books also suggest the hope of the future that conversion to alternatives to fossil fuels can save the planet and give humans profit too.

Panelists:
Barbara Fitzpatrick, Six Degrees
Art Hobson, HEAT, SIX DEGREES
Malcolm Cleveland, SIX DEGREES
Matt Petty, IPCC Reports, CARBON-FREE

Submitted by Dick Bennett

CLIMATE CHANGE / GREEN JOBS RALLY
SEPTEMBER 27
FAYETTEVILLE TOWN SQUARE DURING FARMER'S MARKET
Out of the growing concern Omni people feel for climate change issues, the Steering Committee has decided to endorse the 9/27 Climate Change Rally in connection with national efforts organized by the National Coalition for Green Jobs Now. More information about those issues will come out soon.

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


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

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS TAKES POSITION AGAINST COAL

This alert that just came in from LWVUS concerning the League position on banning coal fired electrical plants to all your membership. Coal fired electrical plants are considered to be the no. 1 CO2 producer adding to climate change.

This is the position statement which encourages individual opposition to coal fired electric plants and that action must be taken now and not wait for Congress.

http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=11812

This link will give excellent talking points for you to use in letters to the editor and calls to Governor Beebe. Arkansas has three plants in various stages in Hempstead County near Texarkana, Osceola near Memphis, and near Poteau, Oklahoma, which would effect the Fort Smith area. This would have a serious impact on Arkansan’s health, which according to state health rankings already places Arkansas at 46th.

http://www.lwv.org/Content/ContentGroups/StudyTaskforces/GlobalClimateChange/Coal_FactSheet_2008.pdf

We are told from those who have been successful having plants denied in Texas that contacting Governor Beebe is the most important action to take if you do nothing else. One is in the permitting stage and is being held off by ADEQ. The Governor has the power to deny the project. He may be contacted at http://www.governor.arkansas.gov/contact/index.php or you may call his staff at 501-682-2345.

Submitted by Joyce Hale

SEPTEMBER 21 UN INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

The IDP provides an opportunity for individuals, organizations, and nations to create practical acts of peace on a shared date. Annual celebrations of Peace Day highlight the Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World, 2001-2010. For ideas and links on how you can join in the Peace Day campaign go to: www.InternationalDayOfPeace.org.

BANNED BOOKS WEEK – SEPTEMBER 27 – OCTOBER 4

Read any good banned books lately. This is the week to celebrate life without censorship. When we look through the canons of great literature, we discover that many were banned for one reason or another, including the Holy Bible.
COMPASSIONATE COMMUNICATION:
Cultivating Peaceful Means For Yourself, With Others, in Groups, in Institutions

Learn a simple, radically effective blueprint to make peace with yourself and others. Explore how to:

* Speak with clarity and honesty, yet with respect for others.
* Listen carefully and accurately, to understand others' feelings and aspirations
* Explore resolving conflict or hostility without painful sacrifice, with willingness.
  * Formulate action-plans, to build on all of the above.

* Eight-week series starting in September; price negotiable
  * Contact Anita Schnee for details: 479/ 587-0262, yayfay@yahoo.co
  * Site workshops / private consultations also available

Based on the work of Marshall B. Rosenberg, Center for Nonviolent Communication
www.cnvc.org

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. You can catch the August edition live on Wednesday, August 27, or you can come to the OMIR Watch Party on August 31 (See paragraph in special messages above).

(Omni C.A.T. Connection Information has been moved and is with media information)
SCHOOLS BACK IN SESSION - OMNI NEEDS A COUNTER-RECRUITING COORDINATOR

The high schools are back 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.

"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

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Gladys Tiffany 973-9049 or gladystiffany@yahoo.com

OMNI CENTER NATIONAL DAYS OF PEACE

OMNI has initiated activities and participated in others for a decade or more as of 2008. Coordinator needed.

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

WHAT'S GOING ON?—NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY

NEW ITEMS IN GREEN

EMERGENCY ACTION

POLAR BEAR AND TWINS (USGS)

THE SMALL ISLANDS’ BRAVE CAMPAIGN FOR SURVIVAL IS OUR CAMPAIGN AS WELL.

Imagine the sea rising around you as your country literally disappears beneath your feet, where the food you grow and the water you drink is being destroyed by salt, and your last chance is to seek refuge in other lands where climate refugees have no official status. This is not a dream, it’s the fearful reality for millions of people who live on islands around the world, from the Maldives to Papua New Guinea.

That is why these small islands are planning the unprecedented step next week, ahead of the UN General Assembly meeting, of calling on the Security Council itself to address climate change as a pressing threat to international peace and security.

This is a creative move born of desperation, a challenge to global powers to end their complacency and tackle this lethal crisis with the urgency of wars. This effort could help shift the tenor of the world’s debate -- from a far-off storm cloud to a life-threatening crisis here and now. But the island states’ campaign will meet fierce opposition from the world’s biggest polluters, so they need our help. Sign the petition now to raise a worldwide chorus of support for this call -- our signatures will be presented to the UN by the islands’ ambassadors as they introduce their resolution next week:

http://www.avaaz.org/en/sos_small_islands

PREEMPTIVE STRIKES AGAINST PROTESTS AT RNC
RAIDING DEMOCRACY IN ST. PAUL

By MARJORIE COHN
CounterPunch September 2, 2008

In the months leading up to the Republican National Convention, the FBI-led Minneapolis Joint Terrorist Task Force actively recruited people to infiltrate vegan groups and other leftist organizations and report back about their activities. On May 21, the Minneapolis City Pages ran a recruiting story, called "Moles Wanted." Law enforcement sought to preempt lawful protest against the policies of the Bush administration during the convention.

Since Friday, local police and sheriffs, working with the FBI, conducted preemptive searches, seizures and arrests. Glenn Greenwald described the targeting of protestors by "teams of 25-30 officers in riot gear, with semi-automatic weapons drawn, entering homes of those suspected of planning protests, handcuffing and forcing them to lay on the floor, while law enforcement officers searched the homes, seizing computers, journals, and political pamphlets." Journalists were detained at gunpoint and lawyers representing detainees were handcuffed at the scene.

"I was personally present and saw officers with riot gear and assault rifles, pump action shotguns," said Bruce Nestor, the President of the Minnesota chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, who is representing several of the protestors. "The neighbor of one of the houses had a gun pointed in her face when she walked out on her back porch to see what was going on. There were children in all of these houses, and children were held at gunpoint."

To view complete article, visit www.marjoriecohn.com

(Marjorie Cohn is president of the National Lawyers Guild and a professor at Thomas Jefferson School of Law. She is author of Cowboy Republic. Her articles are archived at www.marjoriecohn.com.)

A REQUEST FROM ALISHA JOHNSON FROM MISSISSIPPI IMMIGRANT RIGHTS ALLIANCE:

"We really need pro-bono immigration attorneys to come to Mississippi at their own cost and with some flexibility over the next few weeks. The ICE appointments are September 23-26th. We’d need people here by Sept. 18th or 19th to meet the clients beforehand. We have a general need for interpreters at the jail when attorneys go. There is so much that we don’t know that we need that I suppose we’ll find out as we go."
Please Help Families Devastated by the immigration Raid in Mississippi
- Earlier this week the largest Immigration and Custom Enforcement (I.C.E.) Raid happened in Mississippi. Today about 600 people have been detained in this raid at Howard Industries, and over 500 people remain in custody in places as far from home as Jena, LA. (a federal detention center)
- Hundreds of school age children in these communities are without their parent or parents and without the resources necessary to meet the basic needs in these new school year.
- Several hundred more smaller children and their mothers are left without the wage earner and no way of knowing where to turn for help.
- With a possible hurricane hitting land next week, it is critical that we get resources and donations necessary to families in need NOW!

Families are in desperate need of your help, today.
Please send the following items or monetary donations to:
Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Father Ken Ramon-Landry, 313 Walnut St, Hattiesburg, MS. 39401
601-583-9404 (we are asking folks not to call but send, as we here on the ground are a bit overwhelmed)
List of items needed now:
- Diapers from size 1 to size 5, size 3 & 4 are the most requested.
- Non-perishable food items for the Hispanic food palette.
- Paper products
- Over the counter basic medicine: Tylenol for both children & adults, etc.
- Monetary donations to cover rent, utilities, food and health expenses
- Phone cards to call international: Mexico, Panama, Honduras, the Caribbean Island nations, south America.
- Gas cards

Other community needs:
- Volunteers to help in the coming weeks
- Medical & Mental Health folks
- Translators
- Transportation needs
- Money to pay legal fees
- Money to help those families with American children get passports
- Money to sustain those families while they wait for passports etc.

We as a community are already meeting to strategize future needs. These are the needs today. Please help, as we prepare for disaster 2, the hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico. Please know that any and all donations will be greatly appreciated.

I want to add my personal Thanks to each and everyone of you in advance.

HELP GET WINTER SOLDIER ON NPR
From Aaron Glantz <aaronfglantz@yahoo.com>

In spring 2008, inspired by the Vietnam-era Winter Soldier hearings, Iraq Veterans Against the War gathered veterans to expose war crimes in Afghanistan and Iraq. By sharing their personal experiences, they showed well-publicized incidents of American brutality like the Abu Ghraib prison scandal and the massacre of an entire family of Iraqis in the town of Haditha are not the isolated incidents perpetrated by "a few bad apples," as many politicians and military leaders have claimed.

Unfortunately, the proceedings were roundly ignored by the mainstream media. Project Censored declared it one of the ten most under-reported stories in 2008. Please make a small donation today to bring their courageous voices to National Public Radio. Click on the link below to learn more and make a donation:
http://aaronglantz.com/

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 Workshop will be a tremendous opportunity for dialogue, debate and envisioning with collaboration and cooperation between the body of theory and practice. The Workshop will be meeting grounds for dialogue and mutual
learning from the field of peace education from the viewpoint of academia and from the field of practitioners. The Workshop will raise critical issues and acquire new insights into the profound peace education developments in Israel, Palestine and around the world. Furthermore, the Workshop will provide an excellent opportunity to build connections across multi-disciplinary sectors.

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

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
SOLDIERS OF CONSCIENCE will be airing on P.O.V., the critically acclaimed PBS documentary series, on Thursday, October 16th, 2008, at 9 PM EST. Be sure to check local listings for start time. Check us out on pbs.org. Please forward this email to let your friends know about this exciting broadcast!

Submitted by Dick Bennett
jbennet@uark.edu
(479) 442-4600

COMMISSION ON PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES ANNOUNCES MODERATORS

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Paul G. Kirk, Jr. and Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr., co-chairmen of the non-partisan Commission on Presidential Debates (CPD), today announced the moderators for the 2008 general election presidential and vice presidential debates. The moderators, and the schedule and locations for the debates (as announced on November 21, 2007), are as follows:

First presidential debate
Friday, September 26
The University of Mississippi, Oxford, Miss.
Jim Lehrer
Executive Editor and Anchor, The NewsHour, PBS

Vice presidential debate
Thursday, October 2
Washington University in St. Louis, Mo.
Gwen Ifill
Senior Correspondent, The NewsHour, and Moderator and Managing Editor, Washington Week, PBS

Second presidential debate (town meeting)
Tuesday, October 7
Belmont University, Nashville, Tenn.
Tom Brokaw
Special Correspondent, NBC News
Third presidential debate
Wednesday, October 15
Hofstra University, Hempstead, N.Y.
Bob Schieffer
CBS News Chief Washington Correspondent, and Host, Face the Nation
Each debate will begin at 9:00 p.m. EST.

Contact Dick 442-4500.

STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN, and READ: MEDIA

MOTHER JONES INTERACTIVE MILITARY PRESENCE MAP
http://www.motherjones.com/military-maps/Missioncreeppepepepep

Mother Jones launched an interactive map that shows US military presence around the world from 1950 to 2007. It’s based on worldwide troop data from the Pentagon. From Mother Jones:
These numbers are often fuzzy: Some deployments are classified, others are temporary, and just because the Defense Department claims 30 US troops in Indonesia last year doesn’t mean 1,500 didn’t pass through on training missions. Even so, the map, and the associated research, should give you a good feel for what the Pentagon is up to around the world.

NEW MICHAEL MOORE FILM, SLACKER UPRISING,
AVAILABLE FOR FREE DOWNLOAD SEPTEMBER 23

No one can make a documentary with as much political savvy, humor, and creativity as Michael Moore. And no one is as willing to tackle our elected officials with the same tenacity. After unleashing Bowling for Columbine, Fahrenheit 9/11, and SiCKO in recent years, Moore has set his sights on the Bush administration and our nation’s voter turnout in his latest film, Slacker Uprising, which chronicles his 62-city swing state tour of college campuses just prior to the 2004 election. Here’s the best part. To maximize the reach of his message and as a thank you gift to his fans, Moore is adopting a novel approach to distributing this film. He’s teaming up with Brave New Films to distribute the movie online, completely free of charge. Sign up now on Error! Hyperlink reference not valid. and you will be notified when the film is available for free download on September 23.

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
NEW GARDEN BLOG FROM LEIGH WILKERSON

I wanted to say hello and to invite anyone who is interested to visit Larrapin Garden blog at http://larrapin.blogspot.com

We've been here creating the Larrapin Garden landscape in the Ozark bioregion for three full years now and I just put up some before/after pics I'd love to share with those interested in gardening, ecology and such.

Hope you enjoy. And here's to a beautiful later summer to you all -

Submitted by Leigh Wilkerson

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

MNI/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, September 24; the repeats will be thru the month on Sunday at 1:00p.m. Repeats of August’s OMIR can be viewed on Sundays, September 14, September 21.

Democracy NOW! Schedule:

Tuesdays, 9/9, 9/16 6:00p.m.  Democracy NOW!
Thursdays 9/11, 9/18 6:00p.m.  Democracy NOW!
Friday 9/12, 9/19 6:00p.m.  Democracy NOW!
Sunday 9/14, 9/21 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. 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.

Wednesday, 9/10/2008
12:35 am  Peace Train 1610 AM (Jim Hale)
9:00 pm  Peace Train 1610 AM (Jim Hale)

Thursday, 9/11/2008
1:00 am  Peace Train 1610 AM (Jim Hale)

Friday, 8/12/2008
7:30 pm  Peace Train 1610 AM (Jim Hale)

Sunday, 9/14/2008
1:00 pm  OMNI Month in Review: August 2008
7:35 pm  Peace Train 1610 AM (Jim Hale)

Other Viewing Opportunities:

"Bush's War" by Frontline will be shown by PBS/AETN Tuesday September 9 at 9p.m. and Friday September 12 at 10:30p.m. I remember how fine an achievement I thought the program, shown last year on PBS and by Video Underground. Thanks to PBS/AETN for showing it again. Several critiques discussed its shortcomings. Especially keen is the analysis by Ray McGovern. The film and the critique offer an admirable summary analysis of Bush's and Cheney's War. To see McGovern's "Frontline's Timid Iraq Retrospective," go to OMNI's website: www.omnicenter.org

Submitted by Dick Bennett

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 Sept. 5, 2008
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IRAQI CIVILIAN BODY COUNT

Civilians reported killed by military intervention in Iraq

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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
$552,000,000,000 and counting
OMNI SEEKS A WORLD FREE OF WAR AND THE THREAT OF WAR, A SOCIETY WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL, A COMMUNITY WHERE EVERY PERSON’S POTENTIAL MAY BE FULFILLED, AN EARTH RESTORED. GRASSROOTS NONVIOLENCE, WORLD PEACE, HUMAN RIGHTS, SOCIAL and ECONOMIC JUSTICE, ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP PROTECTING SPECIES AND THE EARTH.

CONTACT YOUR CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

    - 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
    - (Lou Keller, Field Representative, The River Market, 500 Clinton Ave., Suite 401, LR 72201. 501-324-6336; toll free: 877-259-9602; [Lou_Keller@pryor.senate.gov](mailto:Lou_Keller@pryor.senate.gov); [http://pryor.senate.gov](http://pryor.senate.gov))

- **Congressman John Boozman**, District 3, 12 counties from Benton to Washington
  - Lowell office: **479-725-0400**. Fax: 479-725-0408, 213 W. Monroe, Suite K, 72745. Stacy McLure, Deputy Chief of Staff ([STACEY.McCLURE@MAIL.HOUSE.GOV](mailto:STACEY.McCLURE@MAIL.HOUSE.GOV)) Web site (with contact link): [http://www.boozman.house.gov/](http://www.boozman.house.gov/) Boozman's new office in Lowell is located at 213 West Monroe in Lowell between I 540 and Business 71. To reach that office take Exit 78 off I - 540 and go east. You will be on Hwy 264 which is also West Monroe. The office is in the Puppy Creek Plaza, past the McDonald's on the right. His suite is in the back of the complex to the left.
  - Harrison office: 870-741-6900; 402 N. Walnut, Suite 210, Harrison 72601.

**MILESTONES**

- **September 8** - President Ford pardons former President Nixon (1974)
- **September 11** - Attacks on World Trade Center and Pentagon (2001)
- **September 14** - Birth Control Advocate Margaret Sanger born (1883)
- **September 15** - National Hispanic Heritage Month begins
  - Four black children killed in bombing of Sunday School in Birmingham, Alabama (1963)
September 19 - U.S. explodes A-Bomb underground for the first time (1957)
September 20 - First meeting of the New York Daughters of Bilitis, pioneer lesbian organization (1958)
September 21 - War Resisters League organizes first demonstration against Vietnam War (1963)