OMNI CENTER---UPCOMING EVENTS, MEETINGS and CALENDAR

SPECIAL MESSAGES

ELECTION 2008

You can vote early at the County Clerk's office in the Washington County Courthouse, 280 N. College, Suite 300, Fayetteville. You can also phone the 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

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 October edition live on Wednesday, October 22, or you can watch October OMIR on Sunday, October 26
(Omni C.A.T. Connection Information has been moved and is with media information)

OMNI CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

--Tuesday, October 21, 5:30, Arkansas Union Room 305 (by the Food Court), OMNI-UA Meeting

--Wednesday, October 22, 7:00p.m., Omni Month in Review, Live Taping - The October episode of Omni Month-in-Review, a current events talkshos broadcast live on CAT (Ch. 18, Fayetteville) will be broadcast on October 22, 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, October 26 at 1:00p.m.

--Sunday, October 26, 7:00p.m., Video Underground, United Campus Ministries Chapel, 902 W. Maple -the Omni Center for Peace will show the Michael Moore film Slacker Uprising. 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. in Fayetteville. Admission is free. Screentime is 102 minutes.
Synopsis from variety.com: In the weeks leading up to the election, Moore visits 62 cities in 45 days, usually appearing at college campuses to rally the youth vote in a valiant but ultimately vain attempt "to save John Kerry and the Democrats from themselves" after Kerry failed to respond quickly and decisively to swift-boating smears.
For more information about this film, go to http://slackeruprising.com/
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/
--Friday, October 31 – Halloween
--Saturday, November 2, 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, November 3 – Daylight Savings Time Ends
--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 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. HOWL is a collaboration between Herwords and the Omni Center, supported Nightbird Books in Fayetteville, AR.

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.

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--Thursday, November 21, 5:30p.m. Potluck, 6:00p.m. - Omni Steering Committee Meeting, Deep End of United Campus Ministries, 902 W. Maple, Fayetteville, AR

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS---UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

--Saturday, October 25, 2:00p.m., Fayetteville Free Thinkers, Fayetteville Public Library
Information regarding our past meetings and future meetings can be read in our forum, here:

WHAT’S GOING ON?---CURRENT EVENTS and INFORMATION
LOCALLY: CITY, COUNTY, STATE
(New Items will have Green Heading)

UA UNDERGRADUATES INVITED TO APPLY FOR INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECT

Are you interested in being part of a large scale international research project? The International Undergraduate Collaborative Research Team project will bring University of Arkansas students together with undergraduates at universities in Latin America to collaborate as research partners in the area of political scandal and corruption reform in the Americas. Students in political science, international relations, Latin American studies or related disciplines are urged to apply for this unique inaugural project, which will be directed by Dr. Jeff Ryan, jeffr@uark.edu, in the department of political science.

The benefits of participation include: hands-on research experience, possible publication in a book-length manuscript, improving your language and research skills, and the possibility of upper division course credits. Applications for the competitive selection process must be submitted before October 31, 2008. The project will begin near the end of the fall 2008 semester and will be completed in May 2009. Complete details on the application and project are available at http://www.uark.edu/depts/plscinfo/.
JOIN OUR DEMONSTRATION FOR PEACE,
AND MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD IN FAYETTEVILLE.

Saturday, November 1,
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/

AFRICAN FOOD AND MUSIC FEATURE OF NOVEMBER 2 EVENT
The University of Arkansas African Students Organization will present an evening of African food, music and flavor at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, at the Fayetteville Town Center, 15 W. Mountain, in Fayetteville. Tickets are available from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, in the Arkansas Union. For more information, contact african@uark.edu.

STILL ON THE HILL SINGS THE CHARACTERS OF THE OZARKS
FIRST CONCERT, NOVEMBER 1, OZARKS BOTANICAL GARDEN

Still on the Hill’s latest project consists of 14 songs about characters they have met and collected stories from, the CD/Booklet, a documentary with Jones Television and 12 FREE community concerts in the areas where the songs were birthed. All proceeds (raised in Arkansas) from the CD/booklet will go to an organization called PLAY IT AGAIN, ARKANSAS to get banjos, fiddles, mandolins, etc. for rural, under served kids!
The first concert in the series is right here in Fayetteville on Saturday, November 1 at the Ozark Botanical Gardens from 2-3pm (with a social hour afterwards, refreshments served). Kelly Mulhollan and Donna Stjerna (Still on the Hill) will be joined by Robin Rues on the upright bass, scrub board and pickin' bow. For more information, visit www.stillonthehill.com

SOUTHERNERS ON NEW GROUND (SONG)
IN COLLABORATION WITH THE CENTER FOR ARTISTIC REVOLUTION (CAR)
PRESENT
THE SONG ORGANIZING SCHOOL!!!
(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: obrian_30@yahoo.com / www.artisticrevolution.org
To contact SONG:
IFCO/PASTORS FOR PEACE SENDING WORKERS TO CUBA TO REBUILD FROM RECENT HURRICANES

IFCO is sending a group of masons, electricians, plumbers, and carpenters to Cuba for a month during October and November to lend a hand with the reconstruction effort in Cuba. Brigade members will donate their time and experience, as well as their tools and materials.

IFCO is mounting a people-to-people response to the devastation in Cuba—solidarity with no strings attached. Your donations will help make possible this humanitarian gesture by IFCO. All donations will be used to fund expenses within the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

The IFCO-Pastors for Peace Hurricane Relief Construction Brigade will be hosted in Puerto Esperanza, a small farming and fishing community in Pinar del Rio, one of the communities hardest hit by the hurricanes. There, they will work alongside Cuban workers rebuilding a school for children with special needs.

Never before has the island nation experienced such widespread damage as that wrought two hurricanes in rapid succession—Gustav and Ike. Every part of Cuba’s economic health and social structure has been severely damaged. Cuba estimates economic losses as high as five billion dollars.

We thank you for your help in the past and we are counting on your support in this historic moment of devastation. You can make a contribution via our website: www.ifconews.org by following this link: https://npo.networkforgood.org/Donate/Donate.aspx?npoSubscriptionId=4382
If you prefer, you can send a check to IFCO, 418 W. 145th St. New York, NY 10031
Below are some links to multimedia online about the damage wrought by Hurricanes Gustav and Ike.
Picture slideshow about the Hurricanes and the Construction Brigade: http://www.slideshare.net/secret/e6mcRdHJw54nP7
Cuba Produced movie about the Hurricanes on Youtube, there are 4 parts, this is the link to the first: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sos_SW3mYhc
First-hand footage of the Hurricanes from Skipper Bailey can be found at: http://mnncommunitymedia.blip.tv/file/1329948/

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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**TWO-DAY RETREAT AT WATTLE-HOLLOW**

Geshe Dorjee and Lama Mepham will be leading a two-day retreat at Wattle hollow, near Devil’s Den, Arkansas, October 24-26. The focus will be on small-group and individual meditation instruction, as well as a Tara initiation. For further information, please consult the Wattle Hollow website, under their schedule listing:

http://www.wattlehollow.com/schedule.htm

**FAYETTEVILLE 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:
GAY AND LESBIAN HISTORY MONTH - OCTOBER

SAY NO TO BIGOTRY - SUPPORT REAL ARKANSAS FAMILY VALUES
For more information about what you can do to help ensure that true family values are protected, visit artchangesu@yahoo.com

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

FALL PUPPET CLASS
AT THE ART EXPERIENCE
641 W. 6TH STREET, FAYETTEVILLE, AR 72702
ONGOING SATURDAY MORNINGS
10 to 12
ages 8 to adult
For more information call The Art Experience at 479 442-0557  kjo_ann@hotmail.com

UPPER BUFFALO MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL PROPOSAL
If you enjoy mountain biking, you can voice your support for a new trail proposal in the Ozark-St. Francis Forest. Full Info, including a detailed map, can be requested by calling 1-870 446 5122.
How Kuff of the Ozark Offroad Cyclists may be able to answer some of your questions by e-mail at howkuff@yahoo.com

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, visititary 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
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

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

EIGHT FROM "THE HEARTLAND SPEAKS" ARRESTED
AT KANSAS A-10 WARTHOG AIR SHOW

Eight of us were arrested Wednesday at the site of the Salina, Kansas "bombing and strafing" air show after "crossing the line" during a demonstration against increased U.S. militarization and the use of depleted uranium munitions. Five of the jailed were over age 70.

The arrested were part of a three-day gathering of about 40 activists from throughout the U.S. called "The Heartland Speaks," which included presentations on militarization and the environment, impact of the use and production of depleted uranium munitions, the lethal use of the A-10 Thunderbolt (Warthog) military jet, the face of warmaking, and nonviolent peacebuilding.

For the complete article by Wes Rehberg, visit:
Wes Rehberg
Wild Clearing Web Site http://www.wildclearing.com

Submitted by Gladys Tiffany

WISEUSA '08
GLOBAL LINK TELECONFERENCE
A CALL TO PEACE IN THE USA

HONORING THE HEART AND SOUL OF AMERICA

"We the people, the ancestors of our great, great grandchildren, call forth the deepest wisdom and the highest compassion from the heart and soul of America, for the benefit of the entire Earth community and the next seven generations."
May Wisdom Prevail in the USA
May Peace Prevail on Earth

Send Blessings and Prayers to each of the 50 US States and to the Native American Ancestors of the Land
Hold sacred space for the USA as we approach the elections.

November 1, Saturday
11:00 am - 12:00 pm PDT
2:00 pm - 3:00pm EDT
7:00 pm - 8:00pm GMT

Joining us will be special guest, David Nicols, Director of the Gaiafield Center for Subtle Activism at the California Institute of Integral Studies and the co-founder of the Gaiafield Project. http://www.gaiafield.net

Leading us in Prayers for the Indigenous Peoples of the USA, Grandmother Silver Star, Cherokee Lakota Nation from the Heart of the Dove.

Hosted by Fumi Johns Sewart, Executive Director of The World Peace Prayer Society

Live from the World Peace Sanctuary in Amenia, New York.

In collaboration with the ALL One Now www.allonenow.org
Dial-In Number (877) 380-7755
For more information and to register visit www.allonenow.org

Submitted by Dick Bennett

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
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Cellphone: +972-(0)52-238-1715
gershon@ipcri.org  hanna@ipcri.org

Submitted by Gladys Tiffany
LOOK WHAT WE’VE BEEN UP TO
HAPPENINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED

4TH ANNUAL PEACE ON EARTH MUSIC FESTIVAL
AND
MESSAGE FROM OMNI-UA PRESIDENT OLIVIA MEEKS

Hello Omni-ites!

Thanks to everyone who helped make the 4th Annual Peace on Earth Music Festival a rousing success last Saturday!! Our months of planning totally paid off, and we heard great music, saw some mind-blowing flame-spinning, heard from some inspirational cultural speakers, and dug in to some delicious free food. And a big thanks to Mother Nature, who gave us a glorious October day!

Now that we’ve all taken a deep breath, it’s time for Omni UA Officer Elections. The following positions will be available:

President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Communications, and Director of Office

If you’re interested in running for one of the positions, check out the duties listed in our constitution (attached) and send in your nomination to omniua@uark.edu with "Officer Nomination" in the subject line. You can be nominated for more than one position if you like. Nominations will be open until our next meeting where candidates will speak briefly and all members present will vote. The NEXT meeting will be Tuesday, October 21, 5:30p.m. Arkansas Union Room 305 (Next to the Food Court).

STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN, and READ: MEDIA

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

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.

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.

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.

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, October 22; 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)

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Free Speech TV (FSTV) sponsored by Omni - 3:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.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, 10/22/2008
12:35 am    Peace Train 1610 AM (Jim Hale)
9:00 pm     Peace Train 1610 AM (Jim Hale)

Thursday, 10/23/2008
1:00 am     Peace Train 1610 AM (Jim Hale)

Friday, 10/24/2008
7:30 pm     Peace Train 1610 AM (Jim Hale)

Sunday, 10/26/2008
1:00 pm     OMNI Month in Review: August 2008
7:35 pm     Peace Train 1610 AM (Jim Hale)

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 Oct. 16, 2008
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IRAQI CIVILIAN BODY COUNT

Civilians reported killed by military intervention in Iraq

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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

$564,000,000,000 and counting

Source of Cost of War: [http://nationalpriorities.org](http://nationalpriorities.org)

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**MILESTONES**

October 21 - 700 arrested in Vietnam War protest at Pentagon (1967)

October 23 - 25,000 women march in New York City demanding suffrage (1915)

October 24 - United Nations Charter adopted (1945)

October 26 - President Bush signs the USA Patriot Act (2001)

President Bush signs law to build 700-mile fence on U.S.-Mexico border (2006)

October 28 - Congress overrides President Wilson's veto of Prohibition legislation (1919)

October 29 - Stock market crashes, beginning Great Depression (1929)

First peacetime conscription law goes into effect (1940)

October 30 - Pentagon announces elimination of all segregated regiments (1954)

October 31 - U.S. explodes first hydrogen bomb in Pacific Marshall Islands (1952)

President Johnson orders a complete cessation of American bombing of North Vietnam (1968)


November 1 - Jessie Daniel Ames founds Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching (1950)

5,000 U.S. Soldiers eto radiation by nuclear-weapons test in Nevada