OMNI HUMAN RIGHTS DAY DECEMBER 10
THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AT 60.
BILL OF RIGHTS DAY DECEMBER 15. For a CULTURE OF PEACE, Compiled by Dick Bennett, December 10, 2008.

HUMAN RIGHTS DAYS IN DECEMBER
DECEMBER 10 IS HUMAN RIGHTS DAY CELEBRATING the UDHR: THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. SIXTY YEARS AGO.
AND DECEMBER 15 IS BILL OF RIGHTS DAY.


I mention TMN's past attention to rights to keep what I will now say in perspective. TMN made no mention of Human Rights Day or the UDHR today. Nor did NAT or ADG. To repeat, Human Rights Day celebrates the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, one of the greatest documents ever imagined and created for world peace and justice. Also, the UDHR is inseparable from the creation of the United Nations, for it was a child of the UN. Furthermore, it is inseparable from a United States that in 1945 valued human rights, for the USA was an original and foremost sponsor of the document, and Eleanor Roosevelt was highly influential in its composition. So the silence by our local media should be deeply offensive to us all at this moral crisis of our nation that invades nations without provocation, imprisons without charge or trial, wiretaps without warrants, and tortures. I appeal to you to speak up now, and to help OMNI in 2009 ensure that this media silence is not repeated and that HUMAN RIGHTS DAY is celebrated as it deserves. Write the newspapers, call your schools and ask what they are doing today, call Pres.-elect Obama (http://change.gov/page/s/oftheppeople)
and of course read the UDHR! Let us celebrate Human Rights Day today December 10 and Bill of Rights Day December 15, 2008 and 2009......

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Dear Dick,

Sixty years ago today, the UN General Assembly unanimously adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a groundbreaking document recognizing fundamental, equal, and inalienable rights for all individuals that was drafted at the UN under the leadership of Eleanor Roosevelt.

Thanks in large part to the Declaration, much progress has been made in the realm of human rights. Nevertheless, we still have a long way to go.

In a 21st Century world in which violence, torture, human trafficking, and even genocide continue to persist, the Universal Declaration remains a unique and invaluable instrument for promoting universal respect for basic human rights.

Help commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and honor the legacy of Eleanor Roosevelt, by calling on President-elect Obama to recommit the United States to the Declaration's enduring principles and to work through the UN to promote human rights.

LOCAL RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS
Washington County Public Defender's Office. The Public Defenders have recently moved to the 2nd floor of the Terminella Building on College Ave.
Catholic Immigration Services, Dir. Frank Head, 927-1996.

NATIONAL RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS
HUMAN RIGHTS/CIVIL LIBERTIES
ACLU
Amnesty International
GLAAD: Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (Los Angeles)
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60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

On 10 December, Human Rights Day, the Secretary-General launched a ... of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) on Human Rights Day 2008.

UDHR 60 - Introduction

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) turns 60 on 10 December 2008. On Human Rights Day 2007, the United Nations Secretary General launched a ...

Human Rights Day

Human Rights Day. A celebration of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, by Elissa Haney ... 2000–2008 Pearson Education, publishing as Infoplease ...

The Interdependent (journal of the United Nations Association of the USA) Summer 2008 has several articles on the UDHR. "Expansion and Regression," "Human Rights at Risk? The Arbour Years and Beyond." "Louise Arbour in Her Own Words." And more.


"This December 10, let's celebrate the still-young history of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Let's keep it in the forefront of the world's attention...and bring our own country fully back into the UN...."

Amnesty International USA - Protect Human Rights
Death Penalty

By working towards the abolition of the death penalty worldwide, Amnesty International USA’s Death Penalty Abolition Campaign looks to end the cycle.

Amnesty International USA - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Amnesty International USA (AI USA) is a United States organization that works to end human rights abuses and part is of the Amnesty International network.

On Feb. 5 a court in Hangzhou sentenced dissident journalist Lu Gengsong to four years in prison for "inciting subversion of state power" with his critical...
International League of Human Rights
January 29, 2007 (New York) The International League for Human Rights mourns the ... Julie Su for Sweatshop Watch, a California-based coalition fighting

Human Rights First | Home Page
Human Rights First is a human rights advocacy group working on issues related ... of accountabilityAs the New York Times, Wall Street Journal (sub req’d. ...

TWO BOOKS ON HUMAN RIGHTS
Hartmann, Unequal Protection: The Rise of Corporate Dominance and the Theft of Human Rights.

BILL OF RIGHTS DAY
United States Bill of Rights - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia
In 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared December 15 to be Bill of Rights Day, commemorating the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the Bill ... en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Bill_of_Rights - 168k - Cached - Similar pages - Note this

American Civil Liberties Union - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia
a b "A Brief History of the American Civil Liberties Union", Champaign County ACLU. ^
"American Civil Liberties Union: The Roger Baldwin Years (1917–1950)"
American Civil Liberties Union : The Bill of Rights: A Brief History
In the summer of 1787, delegates from the 13 states convened in Philadelphia and drafted a remarkable blueprint for self-government -- the Constitution of ...
American Civil Liberties Union : The History of the ACLU Women's ...

The History of the ACLU Women's Rights Project (2/14/2002) ... This is the Web site of the American Civil Liberties Union and the ACLU Foundation. ...

Aclu history
The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) defends legal cases involving the violations of civil liberties. It is a staunch supporter of the rights laid out ...

American Civil Liberties Union: Definition from Answers.com

Bill of Rights Institute
Nonprofit organization that works to strengthen civic knowledge and foster civic values among the next generation of citizens.

THREE BOOKS ON BILL OF RIGHTS
Finan, Christopher. From the Palmer Raids to the Patriot Act: A History of the Fight for Free Speech in America.
Romero, Anthony. In Defense of Our America: The Fight for
Civil Liberties in the Age of Terror.

PLAYS ABOUT RIGHTS
Speak Truth to Power' Human Rights Play to Honor MLK Legacy Jan ... Dec 8, 2005 ... The play, by Ariel Dorfman, is based on testimonies from human rights activists collected by Kerry Kennedy Cuomo in her book "Speak Truth to ... www.dukenews.duke.edu/2005/12/speak_truth.html - 20k - Cached - Similar pages - Note this

Drama for Life – News – Honours student brings human rights play ... Sep 9, 2008 ... A play based on interviews with human rights defenders from around the world could have had a somewhat dry, documentary feel. ... www.dramaforlife.co.za/index.php/news/entry/honours_student_brings_human_rights_play_to_life/ - 13k - Cached - Similar pages - Note this

Human Rights Play Performs in Doha in Aid of ROTA Charity Drive Middle East's Leading Actors Portray Human Rights Defenders. reachouttoasia.com.qa/output/page119.asp - 8k - Cached - Similar pages - Note this

Wyvern : People : November 2001
Human Rights is the title of a new play written by Jonathan Lichtenstein, ... The 45 minute play was inspired by a real life human rights case which saw a ... www.essex.ac.uk/Wyvern/2001-11/people.htm - 6k - Cached - Similar pages - Note this

PROTEST
Naomi Wolf, Give Me Liberty: A Handbook for American Revolutionaries

MORE BOOKS ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS
All of these books and films come from OMNI Resource Guide #32
--Richards, Eugene. A Procession of Them. U of Texas P, 2008. 71 photos. Advert.: "unflinching ook at the inhuman conditions suffered by the mentally ill and disabled in many countries....the chaos, claustrophobiaw, and loneliness of these living hells."
--Turk, James and Allan Manson, eds. Free Speech in Fearful Times: After 9/11 in Canada, the U.S., Australia, and Europe. Lorimer, 2007. Rev. Academe (July-August 2008). Negative reactions to 9-11 extended around the world. Some chapters tell of suffering personal injustices, some are historical accounts, and others give policy and cultural critiques..
The humanist moral grounding for all the freedoms we hold dear, including speech, press, assembly, association, the right to be free from arbitrary arrest, and sexual freedom. The book then broadens the case socially to support rights to a basic education and health care as well as the rights to marry and have children. This is the third in the American Ethics and the Virtuous Citizen series. The first two are:

--American Ethics and The Virtuous Citizen: The Right to Life. Applies principles to the issues of war, capital punishment, abortion, suicide, and other current concerns.


--Soldiers of Conscience documentary film. 2007. Publicity: "When is it right to kill? In the midst of war, is it right to refuse? Eight U.S. soldiers, some who have killed and some who said no, reveal their inner moral dilemmas in "Soldiers of Conscience."


Dematteis, Lou, and Kayana Szymczak. Crude Reflections: Oil, Ruin and Resistance in the Amazon Rainforest. Rev. Amnesty International (Fall 2008). Texaco spent 30 years plundering and polluting the Ecuadoran Amazon and then walked away. This book is about the class action lawsuit brought by the residents of the rainforest they trampled.

--Mother Jones March/April 2008, 5 essays: how CIA oursources torture, torture for pre-crime,
one of the torturers, Abu Ghraib, etc.


--Hilde, Thomas, ed. *On Torture.* Johns Hopkins UP, 2008. Bush Ad. use of torture is a regression of democracy, which is destroyed in the name of protecting it. History, debates, and calamity of torture.

--Nelson, Deborah. *The War Behind Me: Vietnam Veterans Confront the Truth about US War Crimes: Inside the Army’s Secret Archive of Investigations.* Rev. *PeaceWork* (Nov. 2008). Report on the 9000 pages Army archive compiling US war crimes in Vietnam—including 300 atrocities and 500 other cases which weren't confirmed or investigated by the Army. Nelson demonstrates that US war crimes were systemic, tolerated, and even ordered by military leaders. (Has the army committed commensurate atrocities and coverup in Iraq? What will Obama do about them?) [www.warbehindme.com](http://www.warbehindme.com)

--Barlow, Maude. *Blue Covenant.* Exposes drive by corporations—Pepsi, Coca-Cola, Nestle, etc.—to control water. Their propaganda at the Dem and Rep conventions was everywhere, for example.

**OMNI’S HOPES INCLUDE:** A WORLD FREE OF VIOLENCE AND WARS AND THE THREAT OF VIOLENCE AND WARS, A SOCIETY WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL, A CARING COMMUNITY WHERE EVERY PERSON’S POTENTIAL MAY BE FULFILLED, AN EARTH RESTORED. GRASSROOTS NONVIOLENCE, WORLD PEACE, HUMAN RIGHTS (UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS), CIVIL LIBERTIES (BILL OF RIGHTS), SOCIAL and ECONOMIC JUSTICE (RIGHTS DEPEND UPON JUSTICE), ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP PROTECTING SPECIES AND THE EARTH. These are OMNI’s ideals. Read our brochure and our newsletters, attend our Steering Committee, become an active member of one or more of our committees, participate in our dozens of activities to see how these broad goals for building a Community of Peace are realized in action. There is nothing vague about Building a Community of Peace through action.