OMNI CENTER NEWSLETTER

OMNI CENTER---UPCOMING EVENTS, MEETINGS and CALENDAR

SPECIAL MESSAGES

OMNI MONTH IN REVIEW

Look for Moderator Claire Detels and a panel of guests on the air live Wednesday, February 27

OMNI CENTER CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

--FEBRUARY - BLACK HISTORY MONTH

--Wednesday, February 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m., United Campus Ministries (Deep End), 902 W. Maple, Fayetteville - OMNI Vegetarian Potluck: Food, Music and Friends sponsored by Omni Center for Peace, Justice and Ecology (Daniel Dean-Facilitator). To see more details and RSVP, follow the link below: http://www.facebook.com/n/?event.php&eid=59093306041&aref=60275650

--Thursday, February 12, 6-8 p.m., NWACC, Bentonville - The Road to Economic Recovery (Economic Recovery Meeting), sponsored by OMNI-NWACC, a student chapter of the OMNI Center for Peace, Justice, and Ecology, to foster participatory democracy. (see details in “What’s Going On . . .” below)

--Sunday, February 15, 6:30P.M. HOWL: Women’s Open Mic at Nightbird Books, Old Mill Building, Corner of School and 6th Streets, Fayetteville - What an icy adventure we’ve all had lately - come and bring your writing on what you learned during the "ice tornado!" It's HOWL’s 3rd Anniversary! Want to write a short piece on what HOWL has meant to you? We’d love to hear it. If you want to-- bring drinks or snacks to share and we’ll celebrate! Usual time and place HOWL happens the third Sunday of each month at Nightbird Bookstore. At HOWL, women are invited to read poems (their own or woman writer's), share short prose or sing at an open mic forum hosted by Mendy Knott. It's a great place to "try out" new work, share your masterpieces, or read for the very first time. So come read, sing or play your work to a really receptive audience. 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 collaboration between Herwords and the Omni Center, supported Nightbird Books in Fayetteville, AR. (See Special Notice about March HOWL in What's Going On Locally announcements below).

--Thursday, February 19, 5:30p.m. Potluck, 6:00p.m - Omni Steering Committee Meeting, Deep End of United Campus Ministries, 902 W. Maple, Fayetteville, AR
WHAT'S GOING ON? ---CURRENT EVENTS and INFORMATION

LOCAL AGENCY NEEDS PICKUPS!

The Office of Human Concern (OHC) in Rogers operates a weatherization program in Benton, Carroll, Madison and Washington counties. Crews go to low-income family homes to conduct energy audits to determine what is required to lower energy costs: insulation, windows, doors, caulk/seal, patch holes, vent line, furnaces, etc. The repairs are done by our work crew or contractors.

Energy savings after repairs averages $75-$100 a month with a return on investment in 37 months. On average the agency works on 90-100 homes a year, but in 2009, funds will be available to weatherize 200 homes. This means that OHC needs two ½ ton pickups in good mechanical condition to meet the increased demand by this program. Give us a call if you have a pickup to donate to OHC!

Tax credit is available for the value of the vehicle. Contact Jerrie Dutton at 479-636-7301 for more details.

ORGANIC GARDENING WORKSHOP

Another growing season is almost here! Spend time with a professional and improve your gardening skills. This workshop is for people who are dedicated to growing their food in their own backyard or with the idea of starting a small-scale farm. This workshop is also for those considering becoming a trainee at the farm during the 2009 season. It will include:

- a visual presentation of the farm’s organic/no-till methods.
- a spreadsheet-driven explanation of our plan your gardening season.
- a "Question and Answer" session.

The $35 fee (per household) includes a complete crop plan for 2009.

We offer you 2 alternative dates/locations:

Saturday February 7th, 10am-noon, at Patrice & Karen Gross’ home, in Eureka Springs. (Directions will be emailed.)

To reserve a spot, reply to this email with a selected date/location. For further information, please visit our farm website.

THE ROAD TO ECONOMIC RECOVERY

SPONSORED BY NWACC CHAPTER OF OMNI CENTER FOR PEACE, JUSTICE AND ECOLOGY

The agenda includes a short video, consideration of President Obama’s plan to jumpstart the economy, and a discussion of what the "American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan" means to us, our community, and the country.

Time: Thursday, February 12 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Host: Edrene McKay
Contact Phone: 479-855-6836
Location: NorthWest Arkansas Community College (Bentonville, AR), One College Drive, Bentonville, AR 72712
Maps: Google Maps, MapQuest, Yahoo! Maps
Directions: Take I-540 to Exit 85. The college is on the northeast corner of I-540 and Hwy 102. The event will be in Rm B102 of the Shewmaker Center, the building north of campus and behind it. A map will be emailed to participants before the event. To register visit:

FOSTER CARE IN ARKANSAS

The League of Women Voters of Washington County will present a program on Foster Care in Arkansas to help people understand the serious problems facing foster child placement and Arkansas’s social responsibilities. A panel will share information at the Fayetteville Public Library’s Walker Room on February 18 from 6:00–7:30 pm. Featured speakers are Keith Vire, CEO of Arkansas Support Network, Inc.; Pat Page, former Director of the Division of Children and Family in the Department of Human Services; Laura Kellams NW Arkansas director of Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families; and Lynn Donald Carver Program Director for the Arkansas Support Network.

For additional information contact Marge Zinke, Program Chairman, 443-3682.

Submitted by Dick Bennett

RAISING FUNDS FOR STUDENTS TO ATTEND POWERSHIFT CONFERENCE

In 2007, more than 6,500 young people gathered in Washington DC for the historic Powershift conference and lobbying event. In 2009, organizers expect more than 10,000, and they’ve expanded the conference to be even more effective.

The Powershift organizers are building a nationwide movement of young climate activists, and they have identified Arkansas and Mississippi as underrepresented states. Matthew Petty, a young activist also serving on Fayetteville’s City Council, is already planning on attending, and he’s taking two Fayetteville high school students and their service learning teacher with him. One Fayetteville resident attended a similar conference last fall, and he described the experience as "life-changing."

The Fayetteville group still needs to raise around $1000, and they’d like to also reach out to students throughout Arkansas. This is an opportunity to solidify the clean energy movement in Arkansas. Interest has already been seen in Texarkana (near the planned Turk Coal-fired Power Plant) and Little Rock. To read more about Powershift, visit www.powershift09.org/about.

Fayetteville’s Omni Center has agreed to handle all contributions, so your donation is tax-deductible. There are two ways to donate: online or by check. To donate online, visit http://www.omnicenter.org/donate.php, click the donation link, and specify "Powershift" as the purpose of your donation. Make sure to click "Update Amount" before entering your financial information. Or you can mail your contribution via mail to:

Matthew Petty
326 N Rollston Ave
Fayetteville, AR 72701.

Make out your check to "Omni Center" and add "Powershift" in the memo line.

For more information, contact Matthew Petty at 479 871 9212 or matt@matthewpetty.org.

To read stories of the dynamic difference Powershift generates, visit http://www.powershift09.org/Stories-of-PowerShift

STORIES OF WAR

Professor Tom Palaima, University of Texas (Department of Classics), will give a public lecture on Thursday, February 19, at 7:00 pm in Giffels Auditorium, Sponsored by Phi Beta Kappa and the U of A Classical Studies Program. Contact Prof. Daniel Levine.

"Stories of  War from Homer to Jesse Odom and Beyond"

Summary:
War stories are as old as war. Soldiers and civilians have always had to tell stories about war. Here we shall examine the many reasons these stories are told and why they are important for the well-being of individuals and whole societies. We shall also consider the related question of how the experience of war is socialized among soldiers and among civilian populations. The ultimate questions are: Why is it important that citizens know about war and how much are the prevailing powers at different times and in different societies willing to have their citizens know?
ABOUT THE MARCH 2009 HOWL
MESSAGE FROM MENDY KNOTT

Please start telling everyone...

Important Announcement for HOWLers! The MARCH HOWL will not business as usual. As many of you know, HOWL and OMNI are supporters of the Goddess Festival which will be occurring the entire month of March. So, instead of the usual venue at Nightbird Books, we will be meeting at the Goddess Festival Space just up the road and ’round corner from Nightbird on School, or is it Archibald Yell at that point. Anyway, you’ll know more about that eventually.

Also, the March HOWL will be the HOWL to tell your men friends about. If they have just been dying to read something positive about women all this time, now is their big chance. On March 15 at 7 pm, we will have a men and women’s reading, “In Praise of Women” at the Goddess Space.

And to help anyone who needs a writing boost, I’ll be giving a "She-Rave Workshop" sometime prior to the reading. All that is TBA. What I want you to know immediately are the changes for the

March HOWL:
Place: Goddess Space instead of Nightbird
Time: 7 pm instead of 6:30 pm (on the third Sunday which is March 15)
Venue: Everyone, anyone can perform at this HOWL. The theme will be “In Praise of Women"

Did you know? Anyone can sign up for the HOWL newsletter and get directions to the bookstore by going to http://womenhowl.blogspot.com/

The First Fayetteville Goddess Festival:
Goddesses, Angels, and Amazons

Be sure you check out the Goddess Festival happenings at www.goddessfestival.com. This is the site where you enter your proposal to lead a workshop, host a reading, perform an act, enter your visual art to the first Fayetteville Goddess Festival. We need your help to make this happen. March is right around the corner. Keep an eye out for auditions, calls for original art and songs, and hundreds of other invitations. Community calls!

OMNI’S UA MULLINS LIBRARY COLLECTION

You can go online to find a list of items in the Omni Center Collection purchased through our endowment and recommended for reading by Omni Center Co-founder Dick Bennett. Visit the InfoLinks Library Catalog home page: http://library.uark.edu/ -- click on "Featured Collections." In the second paragraph, click on subject heading "Nonviolent Peacemaking and Victims of Violence and Wars."

Remember that you can sort the results by relevance, date, or title. You can also get to this list by searching InfoLinks with the subject heading "Nonviolent Peacemaking and Victims of Violence and Wars."

Submitted by Dick Bennett

FAYETTEVILLE GODDESS FESTIVAL IN MARCH 2009

The theme is Goddesses, Angels and Amazons. They are accepting proposals for workshop, performance and art! Visit www.goddessfestival.com for information.

ERA (EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT) TO BE RE-INTRODUCED FOR RATIFICATION
A Message from Berta Seitz, ERAkansas Coordinator

The ERA(Equal Rights Amendment) will again be introduced in the Arkansas Legislature for ratification. This will be the third time in the last three sessions and I am working, hoping and praying that this will be the time it passes. ERAArkansas is a coalition of 12 groups including Arkansas AAUW and growing that supports ratification. To achieve ratification we must actively work in contacting our state representatives and senators as well as lobbying
them in person on some occasions. I am asking those of you who would be willing to contact your representatives and senators by email or phone and those willing to make contacts in person to send me your names so that I may add you to the ACTION TEAM. You will receive notice of what is occurring and what needs to be done.

72 percent of Arkansans believe that women should have equality in the Constitution according to the results of the 2007 Arkansas Poll. 96 percent of American adults believe that men and women should have equal rights and 88 percent believe those rights should be guaranteed to them by the Constitution according to a survey conducted for the ERA Campaign Network. 72 percent of Americans mistakenly believe that the U.S. Constitution already specifies that male and female citizens are entitled to equal rights. Women received a huge setback in equality, equal pay for equal work, by the split decision of the U.S. Supreme Court in the Ledbetter decision.

We can make this happen! Arkansas can be a shining light, ratify the ERA and help lead other states in getting ratification. Please commit to action. Please send me your names. You will be provided info and told exactly what is needed.

Many thanks!
Berta Seitz
ERArkansas Coordinator

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

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.

WHAT'S GOING ON?—NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY

NEW ITEMS IN GREEN

TWELVE REASONS FOR LEAVING AFGHANISTAN

REASON 12: AFGHANISTAN PART OF THE US GLOBAL PRISON GULAG. The moral and legal black hole that is Guantanamo is not alone. The some 270おfprisoners there are but the tip of the iceberg, for the US has been and is holding thousands more prisoners around the world as "enemy combatants" as part of the immoral black hole of the global "War on Terror"--possibly as many as 27,000. Afghanistan is part of this global gulag, particularly at Bagram Air Base, the center of US operations in Afghanistan. Bagram "is one of the most infamous US prisons anywhere." Parallel to plans to continue the war in Afghanistan, there are no plans to close Bagram, but in fact the Pentagon plans to replace the current prison with a $60 million, 40-acre prison because the prison is overcrowded. Leaving Afghanistan will close that and other US prisons in that country. For extensive analysis see "Prisons Beyond Guantanamo" by Matt Vogel, The Catholic Worker (Jan.-Feb. 2009).

My newsletter on Afghanistan, like all of the OMNI special subject newsletters, is intended to invite participation from readers. Together I expect we will find at least 50 good reasons for stopping the Afghanistan operation of the permanent "War on Terror" that is generated by the permanent "War on Terror." What's the 13th? (Give your name and If possible your source.)

We, the People, of, by, and for the people.
Dick Bennett

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION (FCNL) TO HOLD CONFERENCE CALL ON THE 111TH CONGRESS: WHAT YOU CAN DO TO CHALLENGE LEGISLATORS
From FCNL: "The first month of the 111th Congress has demonstrated the opportunities and the challenges that the FCNL community now faces in advancing bipartisan proposals for change. To help all of us understand the current climate in Washington, Executive Secretary Joe Volk will host a telephone conference call later this month to brief you and others in the FCNL community.

Join us on **Tuesday, February 17, at 8:00 p.m. EST**, when Joe will discuss and answer your questions about the challenges and opportunities presented by the new Congress and administration. Please RSVP to Caroline Anderson (anderson@fcnl.org) if you plan to call in.

The phone number is 218-486-8700 and the participant code is 283096.

Please note that this call is not toll-free. You will need to pay long-distance charges for a call to the Midwest."

if you have questions, email gladystiffany@yahoo.com

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**CALL FOR PAPERS – NOTRE DAME STUDENT PEACE CONFERENCE:***

"PERSPECTIVES ON PEACE"

April 3-4, 2009
Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies
University of Notre Dame
Notre Dame, Indiana

The Notre Dame Student Peace Conference Committee invites submissions for papers, panel proposals, performances, audio-visual presentations, interactive sessions or workshops and other programs broadly exploring the diversity of approaches to achieving global peace. The presentations may be completed research, research in-progress or case studies. **The deadline for submissions is February 13, 2009.**

For further details, visit [http://kroc.nd.edu/newsevents/events/2009/01/20/480](http://kroc.nd.edu/newsevents/events/2009/01/20/480)

Hal Culbertson, Executive Director
Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies
574-631-8832 (direct)  574-631-6973 (fax)
[culbertson.1@nd.edu](mailto:culbertson.1@nd.edu)

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**INVITATION FOR NOMINATIONS:***

**INTERNATIONAL BREMEN PEACE AWARD 2009**

Crossing Boundaries/Breaking Vicious Circles

In November 2009 the “Threshold” Foundation will reward for the fourth time the Bremen Peace Award for exemplary contribution to justice, peace, and integrity of the creation.

With this award we honour people and organisations that set an example in their activity by contributing to reconciliation, human rights, overcoming of racism, to the preservation of creation as well as to intercultural and inter-religious understanding.

In each of three categories one person or organisation will be selected to receive the award during a public ceremony at the Bremen Town Hall. The award will be accompanied by the money prize at the rate of 15,000 euros, with 5000 euros to each of three categories. Moreover, other highly relevant projects out of all the suggestions will be presented in the special award brochure in English and in German. Thereby, we seek to draw public attention to remarkable people’s achievements worldwide.

The award brochures are available in the Internet at [www.dieschwelle.de](http://www.dieschwelle.de)

In addition the brochures of 2005 and 2007 can be ordered for free from stiftung@dieschwelle.de

- **Award for "the unknown peace worker" - (category A)***
  
  This category targets at finding out less conspicuous projects or dedicated individuals contributing to peace, justice and integrity of the creation, with a special emphasis on unconventional initiatives at the grassroots level of contributing to peace.

- **Award for exemplary initiatives - (category B)***
In this category we look for individual initiatives or organization's activities that contributed in a very exemplary manner to the goals of the "Threshold" Foundation stipulated by the peace award.

- **Award for public action for justice, peace and integrity of creation - (category C)**
  This category honours individuals who contribute constantly and courageously to peace and justice within the public realm. We think not only of journalists and scientists here, but also of politicians and artists.
  
  Self-nominations are possible in category A, but excluded from categories B and C.
  
  Any suggestions must contain following information:
  * The name of the suggested person/initiative, along with email address (alternatively a postal address), website (if available) and, in case of organisations, the name of the contact person.
  * A brief description of the suggesting organization.
  * Reasons for nomination.
  * Any information on previously received awards.
  * In addition, in case of self-nomination in category A: two external referees (with names and email addresses), whom the "Threshold" Foundation could contact for further information if necessary.
  
  A suggestion should not exceed 3 pages. It should be sent via email, as far as possible, in German or in English, by **February 15, 2009** to: Petra.Titze@dieschwelle.de
  
or: Petra Titze, Stiftung die schwelle, Wachmannstr. 79, D-28209, Bremen.
  
  For further information please contact Petra Titze, via: Petra.Titze@dieschwelle.de or via phone: +49 (0) 421-3032-577.

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**PEACE VIDEO CONTEST ON YOUTUBE**

The Peace Support Network is sponsoring a YouTube video contest. Create a short film based on the theme, "Create Peace". Show us your creativity and you could be given the grand prize of $1000 or three runner-up prizes.

All ages, school classrooms, not-for-profit groups, as well as individuals are urged to participate!

For complete details please see [http://celebratingpeace.org/videos.cfm](http://celebratingpeace.org/videos.cfm). Post your vision of peace right away, but **no later than February 28, 2009**.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Ashley van Waes

Peace Support Network

[www.celebratingpeace.org](http://www.celebratingpeace.org)

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**STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN, and READ: MEDIA**

**WILLIAM BLUM’S ANTI-EMPIRE REPORT, FEBRUARY 3, 2009**

BBLUM6@AOL.COM


**CINDY SHEEHAN’S SOAPBOX!**

When: Sunday; 2-3 (PM)

Where: 960am In the SF Bay Area or www.Green960.com

Listen for some provocative conversation and a few surprises!

Don’t forget to submit your Soapbox rants to
tiffany@CindySheehansSoapbox.com

or Ask Cindy questions to:
STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE FOR CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS AVAILABLE

Posted by: "Austin Moran" mis@nysar.com .austinmoran., From the VFP Digest.

If you know someone who has enlisted in the military or who is already in the military and has developed convictions of a religious conscientious objector, then a new book is now available containing the step-by-step procedure regarding release from the military. A free copy of the book to download is available on the following link:
http://www.peacehost.net/christianCO/ProceduresBook5.pdf
Also a hard copy of the book can be purchased from the internet book seller Lulu:
http://www.lulu.com/content/4682550

GREEN FOR ALL WEBSITE AND FEBRUARY CONFERENCE


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A subscription now includes every article, editorial, and review back to 1865.
Submitted by Dick Bennett

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, and 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.
Submitted by Dick Bennett

OMNI EVENTS POSTED ON FLICKR.COM

Thanks to all video folks who send images of Omni events to:
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.
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

From Leigh Wilkerson - Larrapin Garden blog at http://larrapin.blogspot.com
From Mendy Knott - For new writing exercises and more, check Mendy’s Blog at: www.arkansasscribbler.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 will air live on Wednesday, February 25 at 7:00 pm. The show will be repeated at 1:00 pm on Sunday, February 1.

Democracy NOW! Schedule:

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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

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 (NOTICE FROM FREE SPEECH TV: Free Speech TV will be conducting it's '09 Winter Pledge Drive from Monday January 26th through February 15th. Due to the problems we had during our '08 Fall Drive with time-shifting Democracy Now! repeats, we are reversing that decision - For the '09 Winter pledge drive (and future drives), The regular Democracy Now! live program at 8a ET, as well as the 59 minute repeats of DN! will not contain fundraising appeals.)

Other Programs of Interest:
1/25/2009

12:30pm  Goddess Festival Promo
12:45 pm International Students-October 2008
1:00 pm  OMNI Month in Review: November 2008
2:30 pm  International Students-November 2008
8:30 pm  Matthew Petty-The Green Collar Economy

Monday, 1/26/2009
3:00 pm Matthew Petty-The Green Collar Economy
4:00 pm Need to Know: McChapman Sustainable Development & Ed.
4:35 pm Goddess Festival Promo
6:00 pm Peace Train 1610am
8:30 pm International Students-October 2008

Tuesday, 1/27/2009
10:00 am Matthew Petty-The Green Collar Economy
10:45 am International Students-October 2008
2:00 pm Need to Know: McChapman Sustainable Development & Ed.
2:35 pm International Students-November 2008
4:30 pm Goddess Festival Promo

Wednesday, 1/28/2009
9:45 am International Students-November 2008
1:15 pm International Students-October 2008
3:45 pm Goddess Festival Promo
4:30 pm Matthew Petty-The Green Collar Economy
7:00 pm OMNI Month in Review Live!!!

Thursday, 1/29/2009
1:45 pm International Students-November 2008
2:30 pm International Students-October 2008
4:00 pm Peace Train 1610am
7:30 pm Matthew Petty-The Green Collar Economy
8:00 pm Need to Know: McChapman Sustainable Development & Ed.
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Friday, 1/30/2009
3:45 pm International Students-November 2008
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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

Also Good to Watch:
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

Casualties in Iraq
The Human Cost of Occupation
Edited by Margaret Griffis :: Contact

American Military Casualties in Iraq

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IRAQI CIVILIAN BODY COUNT

 Civilians reported killed by military intervention in Iraq

MIN.  MAX.
90,590 - 98,892

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

$595,000,000,000 and counting

Source of Cost of War: http://nationalpriorities.org

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MILESTONES

February 9 - Joe McCarthy, in Wheeling, Wet Virginia, accuses State Department employees of Communist Party affiliation (1950)
  Three black student demonstrators killed by police in Orangeburg, South Carolina (1968)
February 10 - House of Representatives passes Civil Rights Act (1964)
February 11 - First treaty with Iroquois signed (1790)
  First United Auto Workers contract, General Motors (1937)
  300 Native Americans begin “Longest Walk” to protect treaty rights (1978)
  Nelson Mandela released from prison after 27 years in jail (1990)
February 12 - Abraham Lincoln’s birthday (1809)
  NAACP founded (1909)
  First draft card burning in the United States (1947)
February 13 - Silk workers strike in Paterson, New Jersey (1913)
February 14 - Valentine’s Day
  Frederick Douglas, black abolitionist born (1817)
  Western Federation of Miners strikes for eight-hour day (1903)
  Part of A-bomb accidentally dropped in ocean near Savannah, Georgia (1958)
February 15 - Women’s suffrage leader Susan B. Anthony born (1820)
U.S. battleship *Maine* blown up in Havana harbor, setting off Spanish-American War (1898)
Millions worldwide protest against imminent U.S. war in Iraq (2003)

February 16 - Presidents' Day
Knights of Labor strike Wabash Railroad (1885)
Emma Goldman, women's rights and peace activist, arrested in New York for lecturing on birth control (1916)

February 17 - Geronimo, Native American leader, dies (1909)

February 18 - Pennsylvania Quakers make the first formal protest against slavery (1688)
United States bars Japanese immigration (1908)
Audre Lorde, feminist and Lesbian activist, is born (1934)

February 19 - President Franklin Roosevelt issues executive order to intern 120,000 Japanese Americans on West Coast (1942)
Farm Labor Organizing Committee signs agreement with Campbell Soup Co. ending seven-year boycott (1986)
U.S. Senate approves U.N. Genocide Convention (1986)

February 20 - National Lawyers Guild founded (1937)
United States rejects Soviet proposal to ban nuclear-weapons tests and deployment (1956)

February 21 - Publication begins on the Cherokee Phoenix, first Native American newspaper (1828)
Malcolm X, civil rights activist, assassinated (1965)

February 22 - George Washington's Birthday (1732)
Spain cedes Florida to the United States (1815)
First African American Anti-Slavery society formed (1832)
Nationwide shoemakers' strike (1860)
A Hague international tribunal convicts three Bosnian Serb soldiers of rape (2001)