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Newsletter #3, JANUARY 1, 2012. Compiled by Dick Bennett for a
Culture of Peace, (#2: June 23, 2011). There are so few
newsletters labled Action or Activism because all of OMNI’s
newsletters are intended to lead to action.

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FROM CHANGE.ORG: START YOUR OWN PETITION

Dick,

Molly again, with huge news:

Verizon just announced that it's not going to charge customers a fee to pay our bills online.

Two nights ago, I started a petition on Change.org telling Verizon that it can't nickel and dime customers like me with new fees. Within hours, more than 130,000 of us signed the petition. (Thanks, by the way -- you're amazing!)

It took months of hard work to get Bank of America to drop its $5 debit card fee, but Verizon backed down in less than 24 hours. Turns out people like you and me are getting more powerful by the day.

Congrats, and happy New Year!

- Molly

P.S. The Change.org team asked me to remind you that it's super easy to change something in your community. You can start your own petition in about 2 minutes -- just click
here. (Seriously, you should do it. Do it!)

P.P.S. Hundreds of media outlets covered our impact together. This story is on the front page of the Washington Post this morning, and this story ran on ABC News last night!

**Z MAGAZINE VOL. 25, NO. 1**

Every issue of *Z Magazine*, not only its lists of events, fundraisings, new books and films, but also its articles are focused on ACTION. Each month it contains one or more articles categorized as “Activism” (wretched conditions of women and children in Afghanistan despite? Because of? ten years of US occupation), but other articles call for resistance (US: Senate Bill 1867/the NDAA, criminalization of dissent and militarism of the police, Obama’s regime, etc.; global: Gaza boats, resistance in Iraq, etc.).

**FIFTEEN**

*Yes Magazine* (Winter 2011) profiles 15 breakthrough extraordinary people who are transforming the way we live for the good of people.

**NEW BOOKS**

**NEW BOOK: CAMPUS ORGANIZING**


**NEW BOOK: GLOBAL COOPERATIVE MOVEMENTS**


Today our individual self-interest depends on what the author calls common preservation—cooperation to provide for mutual well-being. But is that possible? As world leaders fail to cooperate to address climate change, nuclear proliferation, economic meltdown, and other threats to our survival, more and more people experience a pervasive sense of denial and despair. But common preservation can reshape the human future. Jeremy Brecher has seen common preservation in action, and in *Save the Humans?* he shows how it works. From *Gandhi's civil disobedience* campaigns in India, to the *Solidarity movement* that initiated the end of Communism in Eastern Europe, to the *2011 uprisings* throughout the Middle East and in the U.S. Middle West as well, Brecher shows what we can learn from the history of past social movements to help us confront today's global threats of climate change, war and domination, and economic chaos.
Dream of a Nation (see design concepts here)

Building Capacity and Integrating Social and Environmental Messages
Cognitive learning research shows that individuals absorb better through thematic learning. However, few public awareness efforts have ever integrated a range of social and environmental issues under one theme. The Dream of a Nation project takes this innovative approach and has assembled an exemplary team of partner organizations and individuals.

NEW DOCUMENTARY FILM

Occupy Wall Street Bleeds and Leads (see the several other newsletters and blog posts on Occupy)
Nathan Schneider, Waging Nonviolence, 9-25-11, RSN
Nathan Schneider writes: "We in the press need to think more highly of our readers, as well as of our own ability to report on stories that don't depend simply on the shock value of violence, or on cheap-shot ridicule, or on stifling formulas. For many Americans, nonviolent direct actions like this occupation are the best hope for having a political voice, and they deserve to be taken seriously as such.”
READ MORE http://readersupportednews.org/off-site-opinion-section/71-71/7592-occupy-wall-street-bleeds-and-leads

Chris Hedges | Tomatoes of Wrath
Chris Hedges, Truthdig, New York Times, 9-26-11, RSN
Chris Hedges reports: "If this battle succeeds it will nearly double the wages of the farmworkers who labor in the $600 million tomato-growing industry. A victory over the supermarket chains also would hold out the possibility of significantly alleviating the draconian conditions that permit forced labor, crippling poverty and egregious human rights abuses,
including documented cases of slavery, in the nation’s tomato fields."

"On six continents, in over 75 percent of the world's countries, people came out en masse yesterday to attend over 2,000 events to demonstrate the power of renewable energy to combat global climate change."

RECENT BOOKS 2010--: ACTIVISM, ORGANIZING, AGITATING, BUILDING MOVEMENTS, CHANGING THE WORLD
--Cohen, Robert. Freedom’s Orator: Mario Savio and the Radical Legacy of the 1960s. Rev. The Nation (March 29, 2010). “Savio was a revolutionary and civil libertarian, logician and poet, scientific observer and self-aware partisan—and in his heyday a virtuosic extemporizer....”?
--Flaherty, Jordan. Floodlines: Community and Resistance from Katrina to the Jena Six. Haymarket, 2010. People’s struggles against injustice, folks fighting back against the racism, poverty, and neglect at the core of the national disaster of Katrina.
--Levine, Bruce. Get Up, Stand Up: Uniting Populists, Energizing the Defeated, and Battling the Corporate Elite. Chelsea Green, 2011. The inspiration, motivation, strategies, and tactics that oppressed peoples have successfully employed to gain power. We can wrest power away from the “corporatocracy.”
Lerner, Steve. Sacrifice Zones: The Front Lines of Toxic Exposure in the United States. 2010. Stories of 12 environmental activists who live in areas dangerously polluted and inhabited by poor, minority populations. African Americans are 79% more likely than whites to live in such neighborhoods. But activists in many of these sites rise and organize to go to court and close toxic sites.


2010 BOOKS continued
--Cooper, Peter. From Educating to Agitating.

Janke, Rebecca. The Families’ Annotated Guide to Peacemaking
Resources.

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