

February 10, 2008

OMNI CENTER NEWSLETTER

Editor: Melanie Dietzel, 479-442-8600

Please send upcoming events to this email address:

melaniedietzel@yahoo.com

OMNI CENTER---UPCOMING EVENTS, MEETINGS and CALENDAR

SPECIAL MESSAGES

This month, there seems to have been a conspiracy to infect the peace movement with germs of the nastiest kind. Several Omni committees have been laid low, and the bi-weekly newsletter was temporarily silenced. However, we've survived and are coming around. If there are issues that we've missed, please let us know. We apologize for being out of communication and out of commission; we hope that you will help us to get back on track.

-

Omni/Community Access Television (C.A.T.) Connections

www.catfayetteville.com

How You Can Use the Community Media Center:

- 1) Produce a TV Show! Let your creativity reign and watch your own show air on CAT television.
- 2) Take a class! Learn how to use a video camera, work the studio equipment and edit projects.
- 3) Be on TV! With your own short takes or star in someone else's show.
- 4) Save a special day in your life! Have the professional CAT crew shoot and edit your event.
- 5) Sponsor a show! Send in footage from other Community Access stations to air locally here in Fayetteville.
- 6) Get involved! Join the community access community. Use the electronic Community Message Board.

Democracy NOW! Schedule:

| | | | |
|------------|------------------|----------|----------------|
| Tuesdays, | 2/12, 2/19, 2/26 | 6:00p.m. | Democracy NOW! |
| Thursdays, | 2/14 and 2/28 | 6:00p.m. | Democracy NOW! |
| Friday | 2/15, 2/22, 2/29 | 6:00p.m. | Democracy NOW! |
| Sunday | 2/17 and 2/24 | 6:00p.m. | Democracy NOW! |

Coming Soon: *Omni Month in Review*. Panel Discussions on a variety of current issues. Watch this space for details.

Free Speech TV (FSTV) sponsored by Omni - 3:00a.m. - 9:00a.m. - FSTV: the world's largest collection

of alternative TV and numerous ideas for organizing, protesting, celebrating, researching, investigating, speaking, raising hell. www.freespechtv.com

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:

Forums, Discussions, Events:

Monday, 2/11/2008

7:30 am Omni Open Mic for Peace-January '08

12:00 pm Media Reform: Community Broadband

Wednesday, 2/13/2008

9:00 am Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Celebration

6:30 pm Liberty News TV

Thursday, 2/14/2008

8:00 am Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Celebration

Friday, 2/15/2008

12:00 pm Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Celebration

8:00 pm Media Reform: Community Broadband

Saturday, 2/16/2008

4:00 pm Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Celebration

Monday, 2/18/2008

7:00pm "On the Air with Richard s. Drake: Interview with Coralie Koonce

Tuesday, 2/19/2008

12:00Noon "On the Air with Richard S. Drake: Interview with Coralie Koonce

Saturday, 2/23/2008

6:00pm

"On the Air with Richard S. Drake: Interview with Coralie Koonc

Omni Book Samplers:

Book Samplers give a five minute book report or read a five minute excerpt from a book. Omni Book Samplers include Dick Bennett, Jon Zimmer, Tom Kennedy, Claire Detels.

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 Viewing Opportunities:

Bill Moyers Journal on PBS, Fridays, 9:00p.m.

[http://www.pbs.org/moyers/journal/index- flash.html](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

OMNI CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

--**February 12, Tuesday, 7:00p.m., OMNI BOOK FORUM** - at Jo Bennett's, 2582 Jimmie Ave (Off of Township, above College Ave and Day Inn, 5th house on left). We will discuss Marjorie Cohn's *Cowboy Republic: : Six Ways the Bush Gang Has Defied the Law*. Join the panel. Contact Addie Adamson:

aadamson@uark.edu

--February 12, Darwin Day - The UA Bookstore will note Darwin's birthday with a special display of books by and about him and evolution.

--February 13-14, Anniversary of the Fire-bombing of Dresden

--February 14, Thursday, Valentine's Day

--February 17, 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 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. It's a great 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 and 6th ST. 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.

--February 18, Daisy Bates Day

--February 21, Thursday, 5:30p.m. potluck, 6:00p.m., Omni Center Steering Committee Meeting, 902 W. Maple (in the Deep End of United Campus Ministries), Fayetteville

--February 24, Sunday, 7:00p.m., Video Underground

To see the schedule for the Video Underground film series, go to <http://omni-vu-films.blogspot.com/>

To learn more about the Omni Center for Peace website, go to <http://omnicenter.org/>

VIDEO UNDERGROUND shows FREE political, social, and current event videos every second and fourth Sunday of the month. These movies are shown at the OMNI CENTER FOR PEACE, JUSTICE, AND ECOLOGY located at 902 W. Maple in Fayetteville, on the main floor of the Presbyterian and Disciples United Campus Ministry

--February 27, 1951, The Twenty-second Amendment to the United States Constitution, limiting Presidents to two terms, is ratified.

--March 1, Saturday, 10:00a.m., Rapid Response Writers, Fayetteville Public Library

--March 2, Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00p.m., Earth Scouts, Jones Center for Families, (Corner of Hwy 265 and Emma), Room 116

--March 2, Sunday, 7:00p.m. Omni Open Mic for Peace, Nightbird Books, Old Mill Building, Corner of School and 6th Streets, Fayetteville - The Omni Open Mic for Peace has a new home. For this special Open Mic, hosts Kelly Mulhollan and Donna Stjerna invite you to bring a new musical composition or poem that you have written to honor and celebrate nature and sustainability. For more information, please contact Kelly and

Donna at 479-582-2291 or at stillonthehill @ sbcglobal.net

--March 8, Saturday, 7:00p.m., International Women's Day Commemoration, at Nature's Water, Huntsville Rd., Fayetteville - Join Harmonia and guests who will bring music and poetry in celebration of International Women's Day. Watch this spot in the next newsletter for details.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS---UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

--February 11, Monday, 5:00p.m., The Devil Came on Horseback, a documentary exposing the genocide in Darfur, Union Ballroom - Presented by The University Programs Cultures and Concepts committee and Students Taking Action Now: Darfur (STAND), the event will include a lecture on genocide featuring Samantha Power. The documentary film exposes the genocide raging in Darfur, Sudan as seen through the eyes of a former U.S. marine who returns home to make the story public. At 7:00p.m., Samantha Power, a Harvard Kennedy School of Government

professor and a highly-respected journalist, will give an educating lecture on the relationship between the failures of foreign policy and genocide. She spent 2005 and 2006 working in the office of Senator Barack Obama and currently promoting her latest book, a political biography of Sergio Vieira de Mello, a United Nations official who was killed in Baghdad, Iraq. A Q&A session and a book signing will be held after the lecture. Also, there will also be an opportunity to contact your national representatives to ask them to take action on the genocide in Darfur.

--February 11, Monday, 6:00p.m., the CAT Outreach Committee meeting at Tiny Tim's Pizza on the square, Fayetteville - We had a ton of fun and visibility at last weekends Mardi Gras Parade and are planning much more fun and important outreach efforts via this committee. Anyone from the community are invited to attend these planning sessions and help us tell more people about CAT.

Submitted by Sky Blaylock

--February 16, Saturday, 6:00p.m., The Ozark Highlands Group of the Sierra Club Conservation Awards Banquet, St. Paul's Episcopal Church on the west side of Dickson Street in Fayetteville, Arkansas. - The doors open for a silent auction at 6:00p.m. Dinner provided by Greenhouse Grill is to be served at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 at the door. Students and the impecunious may purchase tickets at the door for \$15. To purchase tickets by mail, mail payment to Molly Rawn at 1239 E. Cain Drive, Fayetteville, AR 72703. Please make checks payable to the OHG Sierra Club. Telephone 479-527-9499

--February 23, Saturday, 2:00p.m., Fayetteville Freethinkers meeting at Fayetteville Public Library

--March 2, Sunday, 1:30p.m. CROSS-CLASS ALLIANCE BUILDING WORKSHOP, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 901 W. Cleveland, Fayetteville - The public is invited to experience an interactive workshop to explore the ways we are all affected by class division. Honest dialogue across class lines can be transformative. Betsy Leondar-Wright, author of *Class Matters: Cross-Class Alliance Building for Middle-Class Activists*, will conduct a free 2 hour workshop at the Unitarian Universalist fellowship of Fayetteville, 901 W. Cleveland street at 1:30pm Sunday March 2, 2008. For more information please contact Starr Austin at 479-387-0592 or starrthinks@yahoo.com.

--March 7-9, Friday - Sunday, Caring for Creation Conference, Mount Sequoyah Retreat

it is also to help them recognize and fulfill their responsibility for stewardship as individuals in

<programs@mountsequoyah.org>programs@mountsequoyah.org or go to

<<http://www.mountsequoyah.org>>www.mountsequoyah.org.

--**March 19, Wednesday, Washington, D.C. UFPJ March on Washington** - On the 5th anniversary of the invasion of Iraq, United for Peace and Justice will sponsor a march and rally in Washington, D.C. For more information, visit the following links:

<http://www.unitedforpeace.org/article.php?id=3817>

<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2007/12/10/20155/873>

<http://www.care2.com/news/member/188249550/567089>

<http://blog.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=blog.view&friendID=75518196&blogID=336863768>

--**April 5 -6, Saturday and Sunday, Living It Green Expo, Pinnacle Hills Promenade, Roge**

The event theme is about:

- Sustainability & conservation
- Recycling, renewable resources & energy
- Outdoor living and lifestyles
- Health & nutrition
- and more

Local non-profit and educational organizations are eligible to receive a 10' X 10' exhibit space

20% of all sponsor and exhibitor fees will be donated to local 501C-3 non-profit organizations.

Visit <<http://www.livingitgreen.org/>>www.livingitgreen.org for more details.

Submitted by R

-

WHAT'S GOING ON?---CURRENT EVENTS and INFORMATION

LOCALLY:

COMMUNITY ACCESS TELEVISION'S PROMO CONTEST

FAYETTEVILLE, AR... WIN \$100 cash prize in Community Access Television's PROMO Contest. Your program will be aired on CAT Channel 18, website, etc. Deadline to enter is Saturday, March 22nd by 3pm.

The CAT Promo Contest is part of our 2008 SPRING FUNDRAISER in connection with the Fat Cats. Deadline to enter the Fat Cats is Saturday, March 1st by 3pm. Pick up Official Entry Forms for the Fat Cats at the CAT Studio.

COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE TO BE ON CAMPUS FEBRUARY 13

A representative from the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) will be on campus from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, in front of the Arkansas Union Food Court to chat about their programs. CIEE provides study abroad programs in Africa and the Middle East: Botswana, Ghana, Morocco, Senegal, South Africa, Jordan, Turkey; Asia: China, India, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam; Australia: Perth, Sydney, Wollongong; Europe: Belgium, Czech Republic, England, France, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Russia; Latin America: Argentina, Bonaire, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Peru; and Spain: Alcalá de Henares, Alicante, Barcelona, Madrid, Palma de Mallorca and Sevilla.

ARKANSAS COALITION FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE PLANNING MARCH EVENT

We are planning an event to mark the Fifth Anniversary of the War in Iraq in March. We will let you know where and when as soon as we have more information. Please contact us if you would like to be involved in the planning and in the event. We will also decide about other Saturday peace demonstrations at a later date. We will have more information on our website which is: www.acpj.org

THE 2008 ANNUAL FAT CAT AWARDS!

Here is an opportunity to honor our producer's accomplishments and a great reason to host a snazzy shin-dig in our CAT Studio for our Spring Fundraiser.

Any CAT or LOCAL producer who aired a program on CAT in 2007 is eligible to submit a program for consideration. Each program submitted. The DEADLINE to enter is SATURDAY, MARCH 1st. This is a hard deadline.

CATEGORIES this year include: Information, Religious, Current Events, Entertainment, and Local News.

The FAT CAT AWARDS CEREMONY will be held FRIDAY, MARCH 28th at 6:00p.m.

If you are interested in being a judge for the event and have NOT submitted a program, please contact CAT.

NEW in 2008! Is the CAT PROMO CONTEST! 30 seconds to 3 minutes to Promote Your Program!

\$100 CASH PRIZE / \$10 to enter Deadline to enter: Saturday, MARCH 15. Contact CAT for

2008 \$500 ANNUAL OMNI CRITICAL THINKING AWARDS
FOR TEACHERS IN WASHINGTON AND BENTON COUNTIES, ARKANSAS

What is Critical Thinking?

Critical Thinking is the use of knowledge, facts, science, evidence, logic to evaluate and understand ideas and information, to detect falsehood, and to form conclusions, judgments, and inferences.

Why do we need it?

Today, more than ever before, we are bombarded with commercial and political propaganda. Clear Thinking enables us to decide if what we read and hear is true, factual, biased, or manipulative.

Clear Thinking also enables us to recognize our own fallacious thinking, biases, and assumptions.

Reasoning together through knowledge and language is an alternative to violence. The practice of Critical Thinking helps, by creating active, informed citizens, invigorates democracy. "Critical thinking skills" imply an ability to analyze ideas, stories, claims, and assertions both through relevant, factual knowledge and by training in analysis and by being able to think for oneself. Independent mindedness and autonomy have long been considered essential to a democracy since President Jefferson.

These awards are sponsored by OMNI Center for Peace, Justice, and Ecology.

We at OMNI are devoted to the advancement of reasoned contemplation and conversation about issues that affect our community and world. We seek to extend the influence of reason and informed debate. The deadline for nominations in May 1, 2008.

INVITATIONS TO TEACHERS, THE OMNI CRITICAL THINKING AWARDS

Washington and Benton counties public school teachers from all disciplines are invited to fill out an application and submit materials about their teaching of Critical Thinking. The awards recognize both specific teaching units or projects and teachers who incorporate clear thinking into their everyday classes.

County committees of local citizens chosen from various walks of life will evaluate the applications. When the committee has made its decision, OMNI will offer one \$500 award to the Washington County teacher and one \$500 award to the Benton Country teacher who has been selected as the most outstanding. (More information is available on OMNI's website (www.omnicenter.org). Also contact the coordinators: Lynda Haley-Brothers, Washington County (teacherhuman@cox.net) and Carole Westby, Benton County (westbyforhouse98@cox.net).

NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY

WINTER SOLDIERS: IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN INVESTIGATION

On the weekend of 13-15 March, 2008, Iraq Veterans Against the War will assemble history's largest gathering of US veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as Iraqi and Afghan survivors. They will provide first hand accounts of their experiences and reveal the truth of occupation.

Support Iraq Veterans Against the War and their Winter Soldier: Iraq & Afghanistan Investigation. Join in supporting their efforts to reveal truth in the way that only those who lived it can, by signing the statement of support:

<http://www.ivaw.org/wintersoldierstatementofsupport>

A CAMPAIGN BY VREDESACTIE AND BOMBSPOTTING

RESIST MILITARY GLOBALISATION!

March 22, 2008

<http://vredesactie.be/dossier.php?id=21>

Five years after the Iraq war started: an international action weekend at NATO's headquarters in Brussels, Belgium.

Europe serves as a staging ground for military interventions worldwide. The framework can differ: NATO, EU, US coalition of the willing, UN. The target as well: Iraq, Afghanistan, Lebanon, But the departure points not: military bases, airports and harbours in Europe. Europe hosts a large military intervention machinery.

Economic globalisation also has its military correlary. New York Times' columnist Thomas Friedman said: "The hidden hand of the market will never work without a hidden fist. McDonald's cannot flourish without McDonnell Douglas, the builder of the F-15. And the hidden fist that keeps the world safe for Silicon Valley 's technologies is called the United States Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps." And this fist is not solely a US phenomenon as Europe builds its own intervention capacity through the EU or forms a partner with the US in NATO.

You pay for, and perhaps your work contributes to, military forces which can be rapidly deployed everywhere in the world. We make war under the labels of 'military humanitarian intervention' and 'war against terrorism'. Behind these PR labels the military intervention machineries protect economic interests and sustain the existing global order.

The 5th anniversary of the Iraq war is a good moment to make the resistance against military globalisation visible again. We don't need a machinery for global military intervention. We don't need military

alliances that threaten the rest of the world. Enough. Security is too important to leave to the military.

In Heiligendamm a broad and international movement challenged the legitimacy of the G8-leaders and blocked the G8-summit. It is time to challenge the legitimacy of their military power tools as well.

ANNUAL STUDENT PEACE CONFERENCE

2008 Student Peace Conference:

"Bringing Peace Down to Earth"

Friday, April 4 - Saturday, April 5

Hesburgh Center for International Studies

The University of Notre Dame's annual Student Peace Conference will take place on April 4-5, 2008. This free conference is officially sponsored by the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, and is planned and directed entirely by undergraduate peace studies students of the University.

Every year the conference unites undergraduate and graduate students from universities and colleges across the United States and abroad with a spirit of peace, a desire to see a change in the world, and commitment to a rigorous, multi-disciplinary academic program focused on building international peace.

Entitled "Bringing Peace Down to Earth," the conference will highlight the role of individuals and grassroots efforts in the peacebuilding process. The conference will explore how we can take part in preventing and addressing various forms of conflict and violence.

The conference will feature seminars, lectures, artistic performances, exhibits, and a keynote speaker. Undergraduate and graduate peace visionaries of all disciplines are welcome to submit proposals regarding potential presentations. We encourage presentations of peace from all disciplines and perspectives.

The keynote speaker for the event is Dr. Ellis Jones. Jones has focused his energy on bridging the gap between academics, activists and the average citizen. He is co-founder of The Better World Network, an organization dedicated to global social responsibility and the translation of lofty ideals into sustainable, effective, everyday actions. For more information contact:

Conference Co-Chairs

Ryane Burke and Mariah Quinn

peacecon@nd.edu

HISTORIANS AGAINST THE WAR NATIONAL CONFERENCE APRIL 11-13

The conference at Georgia State University's downtown Atlanta campus begins on Friday evening April 11 with a keynote speech by Bill Fletcher Jr., longtime activist in the labor and black freedom movements who has been president of the TransAfrica Forum and education director of the national AFL-CIO. We still don't know if Naomi Klein, author of *No Logo* and *The Shock Doctrine*, will be able to come but if she can she will also speak as part of the Friday evening program.

A second keynote session, 5:00 - 6:45 pm on Saturday, will feature Middle East historians Zachary Lockman of NYU, president of the Middle East Studies Association 2006-2007, and Dina Rizk Khoury, Iraq historian at George Washington University.

There will be over twenty panels, roundtables, and workshops, distributed among four time slots: one Saturday morning, two Saturday afternoon, and one Sunday morning. The titles are listed below; for more information, see the conference web site: <http://www.historiansagainstwar.org/hawconf> (click on "Sessions"). We don't yet have an exact time schedule but are working on it and will post it soon.

Information on registering and on hotel accommodations is also on the web site. The registration fee (\$40 full, \$25 student/low-income) includes lunch on Saturday and coffee, fruit, and pastries Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Even if you aren't able to come yourself, we would very much appreciate your helping to spread the word. The web site has a link to a flyer (in pdf format) advertising the conference. If you could download and print a few copies, either to share with friends or to post on appropriate bulletin boards, it would be very helpful. Thanks for any help!

GRADUATION PLEDGE

A new freshman year pledge complements the Graduation Pledge. Contact Neil Wollman, Bentley College Alliance for Ethics and Social Responsibility, Waltham, MA 02452; nwollman@bentley.edu; 260-568-0116.

NEW PEACE AND JUSTICE STUDIES MAJOR

Regis U, Denver, CO. Contact Dr. Byron Plumley, PJS Dir., bplumley@regis.edu or (303)964-3660.

ON-LINE COURSES OFFERED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATORS

The Environmental Education and Training Partnership (EETAP) and the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point are offering the following online course for their spring and summer semesters: "Fundamentals of Environmental Education" and "Applied EE Program Evaluation" There are \$200 scholarships available for the FEE and AEEPE courses. The FEE scholarships are offered to

course participants that are state EE leaders and the AEEPE scholarships are offered to course participants that are community and/or state EE leaders.

For more information, contact: Ali Cordie, Online Course Graduate Assistant
Environmental Education & Training Partnership, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point College of Natural Resources, Stevens Point, WI 54481, (715) 346-4748

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

On September 13, 2007, the UN General Assembly adopted the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples by a vote of 144 to 4 (US, Canada, NZ, Australia). See the article by Paul Magnarella, "UN Recognizes the Rights of Indigenous Peoples," *The Peace Chronicle* (Winter 2008). Three years ago OMNI began celebrating Indigenous People's Day in October, in association with UA's Native American Symposium.

Submitted by Dick Bennett

FRESH MEDIA OFFERINGS TO CHECK OUT

THE WINTER 2008 ISSUE OF *NONVIOLENT CHANGE*

The Winter 2008 issue of *Nonviolent Change* Journal is now posted both as web pages and as a PDF file at www.nonviolentchnagejournal.org. Back issues are also available on the web site. (OMNIers, send your writings).

NCJ invites articles (up to 3500 words), news, announcements, comments, queries, and responses relating to getting to peace (or problems in getting to peace) in a practical way at the community and inter-community levels. We welcome writings concerning inner and interpersonal peace that clearly show the connection to peace at the broader levels. Please send submissions electronically to Steve Sachs at ssachs@earthlink.net. Writings that have notes, must have the notes as end notes created manually (not automatically numbered and placed in a footer) as part of the main text (no footers, please, since everything is created as a single file, footers foul up the whole issue). Deadline for the **Spring issue is March 8**. Warmly, Stephen M. Sachs, Coordinating Editor, ssachs@iupui.edu

Submitted by Dick

Bennett

AMY GOODMAN

For you fans of Amy Goodman, *The Progressive* magazine has an excellent interview of her in its February, 2008 issue by Elizabeth DiNovella.

NEW ONLINE JOURNAL

Journal of Religion, Conflict, and Peace launches online scholarly discussion of the role of religion in peace. Project of the Plowshares Peace Studies Collaborative of Earlham, Goshen, and Manchester Colleges. Joseph Liechty, Peace Studies, Goshen College, Editor. (574) 535-7802; joecl@goshen.edu

JOURNAL OF PEACE EDUCATION

Journal of Peace Education continues to publish original research on all aspects of peace education, including theory, curriculum, pedagogy, nonviolence, ecological sustainability, a just and participatory society. Contact the editor, Dr. Jeannie Lum, Matsunagoa Institute for Peace, U of Hawaii at Manoa, jlum@hawaii.edu

NEW PEACE IN EDUCATION K-12 STUDY

NEW PEACE IN EDUCATION K-12 STUDY: "Towards a Typology of Peace Education." By David Nurenberg, Lesley University; Advisor: Paul Jablon. Summary in *The Peace Chronicle* (Winter 2008).

POWER OF MANIPULATION AND GROUP THINK

Article by former OMNI Steering Committee member Joanie Connors, "Mass Consensus Reality Trance," *The Peace Chronicle* (Winter 2008). "Mass consensus reality trance explains why public apathy is so dominant." NEW FILM

ABOUT IRAQI RESISTANCE

The Bush Admin. is doing all it can through the compliant mainstream media to convince the world that the insurgents are al Qaida. The new documentary by Molly Bingham and Steve Connors show why and how the Iraqis resist the US occupation. "Meeting Resistance," 84 min. In an interview, the film's creators criticized the one-sided bias of Iraq reporting: "Imagine if all the reporting from Chechnya was done through Russia's point of view?" The "vast majority of the Iraqis....just saw they were being occupied and that occupation required a response." See article in *The Peace Chronicle* (Winter 2008) by Mike Ferner, "The Met the Resistance."

THE 26TH OMNI BIBLIOGRAPHY NOW AVAILABLE ON WEB SITE.

The 26 OMNI bibliography on nonviolence, world peace, human rights, social and economic justice, and environment and species is now available on OMNI's web site under "periodicals," dated January 2. Two themes, in particular, are addressed: victims of US depredations and hope for change. Compiled by Dick Bennett.

LOOK WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO - HAPPENINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED

A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS

Here is a link to a slideshow of photos from various OMNI folks.

<http://omni-slideshow.blogspot.com/>

Please note: If you click on a photo, you will get some info about the photo.

If you move your mouse near the top of the photos, some control buttons will appear to pause, resume and adjust the speed of the slideshow.

-

-

-

-

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

CASUALTIES IN IRAQ

The Human Cost of Occupation

Edited by Margaret Griffis :: [Contact](#)

| American Military Casualties in Iraq | | | |
|--|-----------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Date | Total | | In Combat |
| American Deaths | | | |
| Since war began (3/19/03): | 3959 | | 3238 |
| Since "Mission Accomplished" (5/1/03) (the list) | 3820 | | 3130 |
| Since Capture of Saddam (12/13/03): | 3498 | | 2932 |
| Since Handover (6/29/04): | 3101 | | 2605 |
| Since Election (1/31/05): | 2521 | | 2342 |
| American Wounded | Official | | Estimated |
| Total Wounded: | 29092 | | 23000 - 100000 |

Latest Fatality Feb. 8, 2008

[Page last updated 02/10/08 5:43 pm EDT](#)

IRAQI CIVILIAN BODY COUNT

Civilians reported killed by military intervention in Iraq

MIN.

MAX.

81,032

88,479

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* last year; its estimate was 600,000 (min) to 650,000 (max).

Cost of the War in Iraq

\$493,000,000,000 and counting

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

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

· **Senator Blanche Lincoln:** Web Site (they have contact links): www.lincoln.senate.gov;
<http://www.lincoln.senate.gov/index.cfm>; <http://www.lincoln.senate.gov/webform.html>

· Washington Office: 355 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, D.C.
20510-0404

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://pryor.senate.gov/contact/>

· Washington Office: 217 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C.
20510-0403

Phone: (202) 224-2353 Fax: (202) 228-0908

· Main District Office: 500 Pres. Clinton Ave., Suite 401, Little Rock, AR 72201

Phone: (501) 324-6336 Fax: (501) 324-5320

· **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)
Web site (with contact link): <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.

Ft. Smith office: 479-782-7787; 30 South 6th St. Rm 240, Ft. Smith 72901.

Harrison office: 870-741-6900; 402 N. Walnut, Suite 210, Harrison 72601.

DC address: 1708 Longworth House Office Bldng., Washington, DC 20515;
202-225-4301. Leslie Parker, appointments secretary: 202-225-4301.

Looking for last minute shopping deals? [Find them fast with Yahoo! Search.](#)