ARKANSAS PEACE AND JUSTICE HEROES NOMINATIONS DEADLINE

Nominations for Omni’s annual Peace and Justice Heroes Awards closes May 9. This will be the fifth anniversary of this special evening. The criteria are 1) must be a resident of Arkansas; 2) must be recognized by her/his community to be a fine example of having a commitment to and working for peace and justice causes; 3) they must be able to attend the awards banquet on June 14 at St. Paul’s Episcopal; 4) awards must be spread around the state, and 5) they can’t be a member of Omni’s steering committee.

You may have friends and acquaintances who you know need recognition for service they do. Last year’s Heroes included Eleanor Johnson (wonderful Fayetteville community activist over a 50-year period, now 92 years old); Sam Totten (genocide expert working with Darfur refugees); Rennell Woods (Jonesboro youth program director operating City Youth Ministries); and Bill Kopsky (Executive Director of Citizens First Congress and social change dynamo, Little Rock).

Every year the Heroes have been incredible. Great work for peace and justice is quietly going on all over Arkansas. Omni depends on people like you to help us find these folks. Please go to Omni’s website and look for “Peace Heroes Awards” to find a nomination form. Nominate your friends, or yourself. The nominating committee will do the rest.

For more information email Gladys at gladystiffany@yahoo.com.

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 May edition live on Wednesday, May 28, 7-8 p.m. Panelists for the May Omni Month in Review are Dick Bennett, Art Hobson, Coralie Koonce, Roger Gross, and Gerry Sloan. The special focus will be movies about the Iraq war, dramas and documentaries.

If you missed seeing the April edition live, it will be repeated Sundays, May 11, 18 and 25 from 12:30-1:30p.m. on Channel 18 with the special focus on Earth Day discussed by panelists Art Hobson, Cliff Hughes, Coralie Koonce and Dick Bennett.

(Omni C.A.T. Connection Information has been moved and is with media information)
Kids ages 2-15 and their families will have a blast earning badges and learning about saving the earth and the creatures that live on her - including humans. More info contact Sara at sara@everydaysimple.org

**May 11, Sunday, 7:00p.m., VIDEO UNDERGROUND, United Campus Ministries, 902 W. Maple** - Come, enjoy a free movie and discussion after.

**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 on the main floor of the Presbyterian and Disciples United Campus Ministry, 902 West Maple at Storer Ave. in Fayetteville. For more information, visit omni-vu-films.blogspot.com or contact Gerald Sloan at 575-6302 or gsloan@uark.edu


**May 15, Thursday, 5:30p.m. potluck, 6:00p.m., Omni Steering Committee Meeting, Downstairs, United Campus Ministries, 902 W. Maple, Fayetteville.**

**May 16, Friday, 4:00p.m. Omni Center Book Forum, location TBA** - *The Three Trillion Dollar War* by by Nobel Prize winner Joseph E. Stiglitz and Harvard professor Linda J. Bilmes (See details below in Current Events)

**May 17, 1954, Brown v. Board of Education ruling which ended segregation in public schools by overturning the doctrine of separate but equal.

**May 17, 2004, First state-approved same sex marriage takes place in Massachusetts**

**May 18, Sunday, 3:00 pm, Meet the Commissioners Reception, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Springdale** - The Omni Center's Carbon Caps Task Force is hosting a reception for the members of the Governor's Commission on Global Warming. We urge Omni member and friends to stop by to meet the members of the commission. The commissioners need to hear from all of us that Arkansans do care about finding solutions to environmental damage and climate change caused by global warming. The reception will be at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Springdale, (the church who just installed wind turbines to reduce their carbon footprint). Take Hwy 540 to Hwy 412, exit East to very first intersection, 48th Street. Turn south 2 blocks to Watkins. St. Thomas will be right past there and visible. Wine and hors d’oeuvre will be served. Join the CCTF in welcoming the commission members to Northwest Arkansas.

**May 18, 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.

**May 25, Sunday, 12:30-1:30p.m. - Repeat of April OMIR (See top of Newsletter)**

**May 26, Memorial Day, originally Decoration Day, set aside to remember and to decorate the graves of those killed in combat.** - We are called to remember all the victims of war, innocent civilians as well as troops. We can honor their memories by bringing an end to all unjust and illegal military actions.

**May 28, Wednesday, 7-8p.m., Omni Month in Review on C.A.T. (Channel 18), Live** - Moderator Claire Detels will host panelists Coralie Koonce, Dick Bennett, Art Hobson, Gerry Sloan, and Roger Gross in a discussion about current events with this month’s special focus on films about the Iraq war, dramas and documentaries

**June 7, Saturday, Omni Peace Gardens Tour** - Mark your calendars, and watch this space for details.

**OTHER ORGANIZATIONS---UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

**May 8, Thursday, 6:30p.m., Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 901 W. Cleveland, Michael Dowd Film** - Michael Dowd and Connie Barlow visited UUFF on January 9th and presented an amazing interpretation of all life and evolution and ideas that could unite people of all different faiths, political persuasions, and beliefs. As a follow up to that lively event, we have been showing portions of Dowd’s films followed by discussion. Each topic on the films is independently fascinating. The next free viewing and discussion will be Thursday, May 8th, at 6:30 in the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fayetteville, 901 Cleveland and everyone is welcome. For information call Chava or Beverly 479-839-3238.
--May 24, Saturday, 6:00p.m. An Evening with Sister Helen Prejean, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 224 N. East St., Fayetteville

--May 25, Sunday, 10:00a.m., A Conversation with Sister Helen Prejean, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 224 N. East St., Fayetteville - Both of these events are part of St. Paul's Tippy McMichael Series. Sister Helen is the popular author of *Dead Man Walking*, the book that challenged the way we look at the death penalty in America. Open to the public, admission is free.

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

**LOCALLY:**

*(New Items will have Green Heading)*

**SENSIBLE FAYETTEVILLE NEEDS YOUR HELP**

Sensible Fayetteville needs your help collecting signatures in May, June, and July to make misdemeanor amounts of marijuana a lower priority for Fayetteville Police. Sensible Fayetteville currently has around half of the 7000 required signatures needed to be on the ballot. Please consider collecting signatures this summer. Workers will receive $1.00 per signature. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Ryan at 479-685-4348. To learn more about Sensible Fayetteville, visit [www.sensiblefayetteville.com](http://www.sensiblefayetteville.com)

**THE OMNI CENTER FOR PEACE BOOK FORUM:**

**THE THREE TRILLION DOLLAR WAR BY JOSEPH STIGLITZ AND LINDA BILMES FRIDAY MAY 16, 4PM, LOCATION TBA (CHECK THE OMNI WEBSITE)**

The Omni Center has invited three panelists to comment on the book: Claire Detels, Van K. Brock, Gary Gray and Jane Klein

Claire Detels is a University of Arkansas Professor in Music History and Humanities active in arts education reform and feminist theory.

Van K. Brock is a co-founder of the Creative Writing program at Florida State University, where he founded Anhinga Press.

Gary Gray is a native of Searcy, had four years of active duty in the US Navy, is a Licensed Certified Social Worker; a Clinical Member of American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists; and a Family Therapist in private practice.

Jane Klein is an advocate and counselor for blind and visually impaired persons.

The true cost of the Iraq War is $3 trillion and counting rather than the $50 billion projected by the White House. Apart from its tragic human toll, the Iraq War will be staggeringly expensive in financial terms. This sobering study by Nobel Prize winner Joseph E. Stiglitz and Harvard professor Linda J. Bilmes casts a spotlight on expense items that have been hidden from the U.S. taxpayer. Written in language as simple as the details are disturbing, this book will forever change the way we think about the war.


Notes from the publisher - W. W. Norton.

**MESSAGE FROM C.A.T. ABOUT FREE SPEECH TELEVISION**

Free Speech Television is about to have their telethon, from April 21st to May 12th. Due to Community Access Television policy, C.A.T. cannot air anything that is a "call to action," especially when it comes to people asking for money. Although C.A.T. cannot carry FSTV during this three-week period, *Democracy NOW* should continue to air in its regular time slots. (See Schedule with C.A.T. Connection below).

**TABLE AT FARMER'S MARKET**

Omni will be at the Fayetteville Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings sharing our message of peace, justice and sustainability with the thousands of visitors that attend throughout the summer. If you've already signed up to work, we thank you. If you haven't, get in on the fun. You'll have a chance to chat with old friends, make new ones,
sell bumper stickers, buttons and peace poles and distribute free educational literature, recruit new Omni members. You'll affirm with those who agree, and have an opportunity to have dialogue with those who don't. Farmer's market overflows with community, energy and joy. Spend some time there this summer by staffing the Omni Table. If you’d like more information or to volunteer, contact Barbara Jaquish jaquish@uark.edu (479) 582-5495

OMNI NEEDS A COUNTER-RECRUITING COORDINATOR

"I believe the best chance we have of keeping the current wars from eclipsing the 10-year length of Vietnam would be if groups put much more emphasis on cutting off the flow of human resources, i.e., through counter-recruitment work and school demilitarization work. That’s something that the media, Congress and the next president would not be able to ignore...." Rick Jahnkow, Coord., Project on Youth and Non-Military Opportunities (YANO). Read his essay: http://www.projectyano.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=40&Itemid=1

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Gladys Tiffany 973-9049 or gladystiffany@yahoo.com

THEATRESQUARED, NWA’S PROFESSIONAL THEATRE COMPANY
WORLD PREMIERE OF “MY FATHER’S WAR” BY ROBERT FORD
WALTON ARTS CENTER’S NADINE BAUM STUDIOS IN FAYETTEVILLE (505 W. SPRING ST.)
MAY 2 THROUGH MAY 18

TheatreSquared, Northwest Arkansas' professional theatre company, concludes their 2007-2008 season with the world premiere of My Father's War by Artistic Director, Robert Ford, based on actual experiences of the playwright's father-in-law during World War II.

The innovative play dramatizes the astonishing saga of Pfc Arthur Herzberg, whose adventures took him from the D-Day invasion of Normandy through to the Battle of the Bulge, a ten-month span during which he survived one near miss after another, suicide missions, friendly fire, all to become the last man standing from his original platoon.

SPRING INTERNATIONAL LOOKING FOR HOST FAMILIES

Spring International Language Center is an intensive English school at the University of Arkansas. We prepare non-native English speakers for classes at American universities and for better opportunities in their home countries.

I am writing you because we are always looking for American families to host students while they master English at our school. This is often the most affordable housing option for our students and the best chance for them to learn about American culture. In addition, host families also give the students a realistic impression of Americans, rather than just what they see on TV.

If you would be interested in hosting international students, please contact me at jbowie@uark.edu. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thanks,
Jimmy Bowie
Student Services Coordinator
Spring International Language Center
(479) 575-4716 (office)
(479) 841-4340 (cell)

2008 MIDWEST WIMMIN’S FESTIVAL

The 2008 MIDWEST WIMMIN’S FESTIVAL will be at Lake of the Ozarks State Park near Columbia, MO. Tuesday, May 13 through Sunday, May 18. Cabins, dining hall, rec hall, and about 100 wimmin with a dock down at the lake. Great for kayaks or canoes, floaties and floating. For more information contact www.midwestfestival.com _ jori@joricostello.com

JULY BOOK FORUM
The Book Forum for July is WORSHIPPING THE MYTHS OF WORLD WAR II: REFLECTIONS ON AMERICA’S DEDICATION TO WAR by Edward Wood, Jr. We will meet at 6:30p.m. at Nightbird Books. This book is short, clear, and significant. The book will hopefully end the fraudulent exploitation of WWII to promote and defend all the wars of aggression by the US since WWII. There is still an opening on the panel, and a publicist is needed. For more information, contact Dick Bennett 442-4600 or jbennet@uark.edu

LATEST BIBLIOGRAPHY
Biblio #28 compiled by Dick Bennett contains annotated books ranging from the subjects Abu Ghraib, Activism, Animal Rights, Bicycles, and Bush, to Water, Whistleblowers, Women, Workers Rights, and World War II, and many other topics, with special attention to Books for Children, Control of Information, Global Warming, Hope, and Iraq War. Go to www.omnicenter.org and click on Bibliographies.

Submitted by Dick Bennett  jbennet@uark.edu

NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY

PANGEA DAY: UNIVERSAL FILM FESTIVAL
SATURDAY MAY 10, 2008
Pangea Day is a global event bringing the world together through film.

Why? In a world where people are often divided by borders, difference, and conflict, it’s easy to lose sight of what we all have in common. Pangea Day seeks to overcome that – to help people see themselves in others - through the power of film.

24 short films have been selected from an international competition that generated more than 2,500 submissions from 100+ countries. They were chosen based on their ability to inspire, transform, and help us see the world through another person’s eyes. The Pangea Day Films have been announced. The 4-hour Pangea Day program begins at 6:00p.m. GMT and will include visionary speakers and live music in addition to the featured films. Queen Noor of Jordan, CNN’s Christiane Amanpour, musician/activist Bob Geldof and Iranian rock phenom Hypernova are among the presenters taking part. To learn more visit http://www.pangeaday.org/aboutPangeaDay.php

MESSAGE FROM CODE PINK

As we are showered with flowers and chocolate this Mother’s Day, let us not forget the mothers of Iraq. Instead of lavish brunch buffets, they are faced with malnourished babies and contaminated drinking water; breakfast in bed is not an option when there is no home to return to. Almost five million Iraqis have been displaced by violence in their country, the majority of them women and children. As Congress prepares to vote on another supplemental bill to fund the war in Iraq for another year, let’s urge them to stop funding war, and fund the growing refugee crisis instead. It is unconscionable of us to not help try to rebuild the lives we have shattered. Call your Member of Congress today at (202-225-3121) and say "No money for war. Money for refugees!"
CODEPINK co-founder Medea Benjamin is currently meeting with Iraqi women refugees in Jordan and Syria, learning first hand about their plight.

Here, Medea shares Nadia’s story:

"Nadia is a young woman with a round, jolly face and a quick smile that belies the tragedy within. Married in 2002, a year later, the couple was eagerly awaiting their first child. When the baby was born, Nadia's husband was out of town on business. He was rushing back to Baghdad to see his baby daughter when a US convoy approached from the opposite direction, spraying bullets. He was killed instantly. Daria never had a chance to meet her father.

The mother and daughter remained in Baghdad, but in February 2007, American soldiers broke into their home and terrorized them. That's when Nadia decided to flee to Jordan. Daria was so traumatized by the raid, she lost her ability to control her bladder and has frequent nightmares.

Nadia now faces life as a single mother in a strange land, with no income and no hope. 'The Americans invaded my country to steal our wealth, and in the process they stole my personal treasure-my loving husband.

“I'm so sorry, so sorry,' was all I could mutter as we hugged and cried."
WORLD SHIFT DAY
MAY 18TH, 2008
The 3rd Timely Transformation Event of
The Global Peace Meditation and Prayer Day
Leading up to 2012
A call to unite our hearts as one in prayer and meditation for
TIMELY TRANSFORMATIONS
World Shift Day will launch a 24 hour meditation and prayer marathon to encircle the globe starting with the Mt. Fuji event where over ten thousand people will gather in a ceremony for peace and the awakening of all humanity. The kick off event for World Shift Day will be The Symphony of Peace Prayers event taking place at the Mt. Fuji Sanctuary in Japan. May 18, 2008 ~ 10:00 am to 1:00 pm (Japan Time)
Please click here for time conversion

MA PROGRAMS IN PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES OFFERED AT EPU IN AUSTRIA
Greetings from the European University Center for Peace Studies (EPU) in Stadtschlaining, Austria!
We offer Certificate and MA Programs in Peace and Conflict Studies, in the small and quiet atmosphere of the Southern Burgenland (120 km from Vienna), with lecturers and students from around the world. The Peace Center Burg Schlaining is situated in a medieval castle and also hosts a Peace Museum and a Peace Library. For further details please see information below or visit our website www.epu.ac.at.

STOPMAX CONFERENCE
From May 31 to June 1, The STOPMAX Campaign, sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), works to eliminate the use of isolation and segregation in U.S. prisons. Our strategies include research, grassroots organizing, public education and policy advocacy to abolish solitary confinement and/or reduce its use. http://www.afsc.org/stopmax/AbouttheCampaign.htm

15-WEEK RESIDENTIAL INTERNSHIP WITH SOCIAL CHANGE FOCUS
Would you or a young adult you know like to spend 15 weeks living, learning, and working in the Southern Appalachian Mountains with people who have a passion for creating humane, sustainable social change?
If so, check out . . .
The Mountain Retreat & Learning Center
Room and Board at The Mountain plus $100/week stipend
Fall ’08 Session: August 11 - November 24
Spring ’09 Session: January 19 - May 4
The residency program helps young adults cultivate a sense of meaning and purpose so that they carry an authentic commitment to social change into their relationships, work, and life choices. Participants in the residency program leave The Mountain with concrete skills, a lifelong thirst for greater awareness, and the belief that they have the capacity AND RESPONSIBILITY TO WORK WITH OTHERS TO BRING PEACE, JUSTICE, AND SUSTAINABILITY TO THE CENTER OF THEIR COMMUNITIES.
For more information about this exciting new program, Click here for Application and Reference Forms

THE CENTER FOR SCIENCE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST
HOLDS FOURTH NATIONAL INTEGRITY IN SCIENCE CONFERENCE
Save the Date! July 11, 2008, The Center for Science in the Public Interest will be holding its Fourth National Integrity in Science Conference. Titled Rejuvenating Public Sector Science, it will be held at the Ronald Reagan International Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20004. Become part of the growing movement to reinvigorate public sector science and end corporate and political influence over the scientific process. Conference details and registration will soon be available at: http://www.cspinet.org/integrity/conflictedscience_conf.html If you wish to co-sponsor and help build the conference, please contact kstade@cspinet.org.
NEW PEACE AND JUSTICE STUDIES MAJOR
Regis U, Denver, CO. Contact Dr. Byron Plumley, PJS Dir., bplumley@regis.edu or (303)964-3660.

THE 11TH ANNUAL 2008 INTERNATIONAL PEACE PALS™ ART EXHIBITION & AWARDS
Deadline for entry is June 30th
Awards Gala and Event scheduled on September 20-21
To learn more visit: http://www.wppspeacepals.org/

LOOK WHAT WE’VE BEEN UP TO – HAPPENINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED

WORLD PEACE WET LAND PRAIRIE HOLDS SUCCESSFUL EARTH DAY CELEBRATION
Thanks to Melissa Terry having a nice group for her daughter’s second birthday party starting at noon, there may have been more than 100 people at World Peace Wetland Prairie times Sunday, and likely 200 visited in the come-and-go fashion of such all-afternoon events. A few people were there until 6 p.m. So it was six-hour continuous party! And, without serving alcohol or allowing it, that isn’t an easy thing to find in Fayetteville. It was all about families and caring for the environment!

We had a lot of preview coverage in newspapers and photos on the front page of the NWA Times on Monday and on the front page of the Arkansas Democrat/Gazette’s Northwest Arkansas page on Monday, previews on a bunch of online sites besides 14 of our own and KUAF blurbs all weekend and both 29 and 5 TV stations had promos and then showed up and broadcast photos and interviews afterward on Saturday early evening news.

A lot of children and adults got to dig in the dirt she had cleared and prepared and to plant things that Lauren had collected for that purpose. It was a fine effort in the fight against global warming and protection of our watershed.

Kelly and Donna and two excellent friends got a lot kids and adults dancing and made everyone happy! Among those who worked planting and also danced were a group of UA students from INDIA. Nice addition to the already diverse crowd. John Rule read some inspiring and touching poetry but there were no speeches. The signs and posters and the enthusiasm of the people working made our message manifest.

Lioneld Jordan, our vice mayor, brought his wife who tramped through the wetland. State representative Lindsley Smith walked all the trails and saw all the thickets, and was there when I pointed out a beautiful gray tree frog on a young wild plum tree! (see the frog’s picture on aubunique.blogspot.com or before long on the Flickr site with other creatures of WPWP among Earth Day photos I haven’t had time to post yet).

Submitted by Aubrey Shepherd

SPRINGFEST- A PERFECT DAY
The sky was blue, the sun was shining, the crowd was having a great time, and learning a great deal about sustainability in unique, fun ways. Thank you to everyone on the Springfest Committee who put in long hours, lots of energy and sweat to create our delightful Polar Arcade. Special thanks to Kelly Mulhollan and Donna Stjerna who can always be counted on for imagination and innovation. The Springfest interactive event was a fabulous way to celebrate Earth Day. Thank you to all our visitors who made the day a success.

WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY
On Sunday, May 4, OMNI and Society of Professional Journalists remembered the 685 journalists who were killed around the world from January 1, 1992 to April 4, 2008 with a talk by Michael Woods, photographer for the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, who was embedded with a unit of the Arkansas Guard in Iraq. Omni Co-founder Dick Bennett welcomed the audience with information about the killings, and Michelle Parks, representing Society for Professional Journalists, introduced Mr. Woods.
FRESH MEDIA OFFERINGS TO CHECK OUT

BUSH ADMITS HE APPROVED TORTURE
by Helen Thomas
Published on Friday, May 2, 2008 by the Seattle Post-Intelligencer
From commondreams.org NEWSSOURCE

NEW FILM, "SCARRED LANDS AND WOUNDED LIVES: THE ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT OF WAR"
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.
"When we make war...we destroy our Earth.... In all its stages, from the production of weapons through combat to clean up, war... pollute[s] land, air, and water, destroy[s] biodiversity, and drain[s] natural resources."
Fund for Sustainable Tomorrows
Alice & Lincoln Day
2124 Newport Place, NW, Washington, DC 20037-3001
scarredlands@verizon.net

WEBSITES FOR SOLAR, WIND, RENEWABLE ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES IN ARKARKANSAS
www.arkansasrenewableenergy.org/
ArkansasRenewableEnergy.org is your Internet portal for information on solar, geothermal, and other renewable energy technologies in Arkansas! Explore these pages to find the latest renewable energy news, information on planning and designing your renewable energy systems, activities for the classroom, links to other useful sites, and more.
Renewable Energy News
Submitted by Chris Delacruz

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE WORKERS LISTED IN "AMERICA'S STORY"
I've been exploring the Library of Congress website "America's Story" which has a sub-category "Meet Amazing Americans" (http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/qa) and was delighted to see how many people were selected for their contributions to peace and social justice. They even have a category called "Activists and Reformers." It's almost as if this stuff was made to order. I especially like that they are telling kids that it’s OK to stand up for what you believe in even if others don’t agree.
Submitted by Edrene McKay, OMNI-NWACC.

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

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.

OMNI Month In Review:
Omni Month in Review will be live on a first showing; the repeats will be thru the month on Sunday at 12:30.
This month’s topics include Earth Day: state of the earth report, local ecology and community issues; National Politics: presidential campaign; Economy, Gas prices and oil in general; International issues: Iraq: 5 yrs, 3 trillion and counting; theories on the surge and regional effects: who’s right?

Democracy NOW! Schedule:
Tuesdays, 4/22, 4/29 6:00p.m.  Democracy NOW!
Thursdays 4/24, 5/1 6:00p.m.  Democracy NOW!
Friday 4/25, 5/2 6:00p.m.  Democracy NOW!
Sunday 4/27 6:00p.m.  Democracy NOW!

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.freespeechtv.com
FSTV broadcast schedule:
3:00 am  Daily (FSTV will not air during their fundraising drive from April 21 – May 12)
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. Omni Book Samplers include Dick Bennett, Tom Kennedy, and 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 C.A.T. Productions of Interest to Omni
Monday, 5/5/2008
12:00 pm Media Reform Conference Highlights II
6:00 pm Undercover TV: "Speaking for the Animals"
Tuesday, 5/6/2008
7:00 am Sustainability
4:00 pm Undercover TV: "Speaking for the Animals"
6:00 pm FAT CAT Awards 2008
Thursday, 5/8/2008
6:00 pm Democracy Now!
Friday, 5/9/2008
2:00 pm FAT CAT Awards 2008
6:00 pm Democracy Now!
Saturday, 5/10/2008
7:30 am FAT CAT Awards 2008
3:00 pm Undercover TV: "Speaking for the Animals"

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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IRAQI CIVILIAN BODY COUNT
 Civilians reported killed by military intervention in Iraq

MIN.             MAX.
83,336           90,897
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).

Cost of the War in Iraq
$516,000,000,000 and counting

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

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