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OMNI CENTER---UPCOMING EVENTS, MEETINGS and CALENDAR

SPECIAL MESSAGES

4,000 ON THE HORIZON

We are on the edge of reaching 4000 members of the armed services officially counted as dead in Iraq. Of course, this does not include the hundreds of thousands of innocent Iraqi civilians. It does not represent the thousands of our loved ones who have been maimed physically and/or mentally, and we have no accurate tally for those who have taken their own lives six months or a year after returning home. However, we invite you to join the Omni Center at the intersection of Dickson Street and College Avenue in Fayetteville where we will gather from 4-6p.m. on the day after the official death count reaches 4,000, and where we will remember all of the casualties of this criminal, senseless war. (We'll send out a notice on the listserve)

CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE OMNI'S EARTHFEST/POLAR ARCADE AN EVENT TO REMEMBER

A Message from Kelly Mulhollan and Donna Stjerna

Volunteers are needed for OMNI's Earthfest/Polar Arcade. For the past several years, Omni has used the Rose Garden of the Walton Arts Center during Springfest to share its message of Peace, Justice and Ecology with a wider public. This year is going to be the biggest event yet, and we need LOTS of volunteers. The Earthfest and Polar Arcade will have a Buy Locally/Recycle/Environmental theme. THE DATE IS SATURDAY APRIL 26. We need volunteers for 2 1/2 hour shifts from 11am-1:30 pm and 1:30 pm - 4pm (Tear down from 4pm-6pm).

Some of the highlights of the day include: A Polar Arcade with 6 Carnival type games that teach about the environment (if you want to know about the whole event and games in detail, let me know and I'll send you a detailed plan).

We will have an OMNI Video Underground Movie Theater, and we'll need helpers to set up chairs and make sure that all run smoothly . . . meet and greet movie goers etc.

Eco-Kids Craft Area—WE REALLY NEED HELP WITH THIS AREA!!! We need a co-coordinator and volunteers to make this happen.

We need volunteers to Stamp Passports, Meet and Greet at the entrances, help with Snow cones, Set up on Friday evening and tear down Saturday evening.

MOSTLY, WE NEED Polar Bear BARKERS (We provide masks). Barkers are the folks that run the arcade games (STEP RIGHT UP FOLKS). The barkers are theatrical types, but each barker needs an assistant to set the games back up, or pick up the rings from the toss games . . . the assistant doesn't have to be a performer like the barker. There is SO much to tell. Please contact Donna 582-2291 or email still@stillonthehill.com if you can help.

(Omni C.A.T. Connection Information has been moved and is with media information)

OMNI CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

--March 30, Sunday, 7:00p.m., Main Floor of United Campus Ministries, 902 W. Maple, CCTF Eco-Flicks - Whenever there is a 5th Sunday in a Month, the Carbon Caps Task Force will offer a free showing of a ecologically themed movie. On March 30, at 7pm the Omni Center for Peace will show the documentary film, *A Crude Awakening: The Oil Crash* at 7p.m. in the Sanctuary on the main floor of the United Campus Ministry located at 902 West Maple at Storer Ave. in Fayetteville. Admission is free but donations are appreciated. Northwest Arkansas Sustainability Center founder Matthew Petty will facilitate a discussion of the film afterwards.

For more about this film, go to <http://www.oilcrashmovie.com>.

For more information, contact Gerald Sloan at 575-6302 or gsloan@uark.edu

--March 31, 1965, Monday - US ordered the first combat troops to Vietnam.

--April 5, Saturday, 10:30a.m., Omni Rapid Responders

--April 6, Sunday, 6:30p.m. (note new time), Omni Open Mic for Peace, Nightbird Books, Old Mill Building, Corner of S. School and 6th Streets, Fayetteville - Bring your music and poetry about Peace, Justice and Ecology to share, or just come to listen.

--April 13, Sunday, 7:00p.m. -VIDEO UNDERGROUND - Omni Center 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

--April 17, Thursday, 5:30p.m. potluck, 6:00p.m., Omni Steering Committee Meeting, Downstairs, United Campus Ministries, 902 W. Maple, Fayetteville.

--April 17, Thursday, 6:30 pm - Movie at NWACC Bentonville - *Paragraph 175*, about Nazi persecution of the GLBT community. One of the features of the OMNI-NWACC Film Festival, this movie will be screened in the Shewmaker Center of the Northwest Arkansas Community College at 1100 S.E. Eagle Way, Bentonville (See the full Film Festival Schedule below).

--April 20, 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.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS---UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

--March 25, Tuesday, 7:00p.m., Candelight Vigil in Support of Tibet - University of Arkansas Students for a Free Tibet will host a candlelight vigil in support of Tibetans this Tuesday, March 25, in Giffels Auditorium on the 2nd floor of Old Main at 7:00pm. The student group's advisor and Tibetan Buddhist monk Geshe Thupten Dorjee will speak, and his student Rinzin Dorjee will perform a polyphonic chant. There will also be a short film.

Geshe Thupten Dorjee is a University of Arkansas Outstanding Faculty Member for 2008. He escaped Tibet in 1959 in search of religious freedom. His student, Rinzin Dorjee, escaped at age 14 in 1994.

--March 26, Wednesday, 6:30-9:00 p.m., Room 102B at the Shewmaker Center - *Deliver Us from Evil* is the story of Father Oliver O'Grady, an active pedophile, who was sheltered by the Roman Catholic Church. This is one of the films from the OMNI-NWACC Film Festival. (See the complete schedule below)

--Monday, March 31, 6:00p.m., Clarion Inn, 10th Annual Women's History Month Banquet -

This year's honorees are Mary Alice Serafini, Ann Henry, Ann Sugg, Gay Harp, and Maurice McClelland.

Thanks to those of you who made nominations. We had so many outstanding nominees that we chose five honorees rather than the four we have selected in the past few years. If you nominated someone who wasn't selected, that person's nomination form will be kept on file and considered next year. We are also recognizing the women who have been honored in the past. Tickets for the event are \$18 and can be obtained by calling 442-3657 or 571-4894. If you. Tickets can be purchased through Tuesday, March 25. Tickets will **not** be available at the door.

--**April 5 -6, Saturday and Sunday, Living It Green Expo, Pinnacle Hills Promenade, Rogers, Arkansas** - You are invited to save the date for "The Living It Green Expo" to be held April 5 - 6, 2008 in Rogers at the Pinnacle Hills Promenade. The event will be held on the "Streets" of the Pinnacle Hills Promenade (between Dillards and JC Pennys) and will attract over 40,000 families and individuals. We are seeking activities of interest to young people that can demonstrate and teach positive values about sustainability and the outdoors. Perhaps your organization can assist with that effort. 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 at The Living It Green Expo at no charge. These spaces are valued at \$450. (Local non-profit organizations that shares the event's vision are eligible for a waiver the fees.)

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 Richard S. Drake

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--**April 12, Saturday, 6:00p.m., The SOUND OF AFRICA BANQUET, Arkansas Union Ballroom** - This event is hosted by African Students Organization to raise money for charity work in Africa. Free, but attendees are requested to make a donation. For more information, please call Nelson Sello at 856-2855.

--**April 25-28, Friday - Monday, Washington, DC, Amnesty International Annual Meeting (AIUSA)** - The meeting includes a congressional lobby day on April 28. For more information, please contact www.amnestyusa.org/agm

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

LOCALLY:

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

BUILDSMART OFFERS IDEAS FOR NEW HIGH SCHOOL

BuildSmart supports [the construction of a world-class high school](#). Specifically, we advocate more attention to [two innovative, best-of-both-worlds](#) solutions presented by school board members Kring and Heil in the spring of 2007. Both plans place two buildings on the present acreage: first, a new 3-4 story building would be constructed across Stone Street at the site of district's administration building; once complete, the 10-12 graders would move in and renovation would begin on a (now empty) 9th or 9th/10th grade center and world-class performing arts center read the rest here:

<http://buildsmart.org/>

JORI COSTELLO TO BE FEATURED POET

Joi Costello will be the "feature of the evening" at Ozark Poets and Writers Collective (OPWC) Tuesday, March 25, 7:00p.m. at their new location - NIGHTBIRD BOOKS! at the corner of 6th St. and 71B.

SENSIBLE FAYETTEVILLE FUNDRAISER

Please support efforts in placing a low priority marijuana initiative before voters on the November 2008 election.

Friday, March 28, 7:00p.m. at The Gypsy featuring the music of:
Charliehorse, Tiffany Christopher, Shannon Wurst and the Wildabees and more
Cost: \$7, Must be 18+

Sign the petition - a raffle - prizes - information-

Submitted by:

E. Ryan Denham

Campaign Director-Sensible Fayetteville

www.sensiblefayetteville.com

<http://norml.uark.edu>

www.dpeg.org

www.arkansasalliance.org

TWO DAYS OF DIVERSITY PANELS OFFERED ON CAMPUS

The University of Arkansas Career Development Center and the Sam M. Walton College of Business Career Center will each offer programs focusing on diversity in the workplace on Wednesday and Thursday, March 26 and 27.

THE 2008 ANNUAL FAT CAT AWARDS!

The FAT CAT AWARDS CEREMONY will be held FRIDAY, MARCH 28th at 6:00p.m. in the CAT STUDIO.
Tickets for the event are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door.

ANNUAL ARKANSAS QUEER COALITION CONFERENCE

The 2nd Annual Arkansas Queer Coalition Conference will be held on April 4-5, 2008 on the University of Central Arkansas campus in Conway, Arkansas. The conference is hosted by the University of Central Arkansas Gay-Straight Alliance, PRISM and co-sponsored by the Center for Artistic Revolution.

REGISTRATION FORM IS REQUIRED. For more information, visit

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/queercoalition/>

HUMAN RIGHTS AWARENESS WEEK ON UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS CAMPUS

Human Rights Awareness Week will take place on the University of Arkansas campus April 14 - 18, 2008.

The week will begin with a Recognition and Remembrance Ceremony at 6:00p.m. on Monday, April 14 at the Peace Fountain where we will recognize current human rights situations and remember those who have worked for human rights in the past and have been victims of the most egregious violations of human rights.

Tuesday through Thursday at 6:30 pm documentaries about human rights issues will be showed.

Friday will feature the second annual From Dickson to Darfur. This event will begin at 7:30p.m. with a march up Dickson St. to protest the continued genocide in Darfur region of Sudan, and will continue with speakers, a hunger banquet, and bands, as well as the opportunity to learn about human rights issues including Darfur and ways to take action on those issues.

CELEBRATING EARTH DAY IN ARKANSAS

INFORMATION FROM ARKANSAS EARTH DAY FOUNDATION

Arkansas Earth Day Foundation is a non-profit local coalition of concerned families, inspired seekers, elected leaders, and responsible businesses working to increase community awareness of environmental issues and access to sustainable solutions through education, events, recycling, networking, products and services.

If you are interested in becoming involved, supporting our vision, or just finding more information about us and our events, check out our website at www.ArkansasEarthDay.org or attend one of our upcoming meetings!

Also, contact April the Executive Director at 501-733-9996 or info@arkansasearthday.org or visit our office (after calling ahead) at 120 Cross St. / Little Rock, AR 72201.

--EARTH DAY FEST AT OZARKS - April 17th - FREE From 11am to 1pm

Outdoor picnic and educational booths set up on the mall at U of O, (or in the Seay Student Center if it rains).

Seeking AR environmental organizations willing to man a booth to help inform, inspire, empower. University of the Ozarks is at 415 N. College Ave., Clarksville, AR. Contact Jenny Levin: jlevin@ozarks.edu (479)518-0407

--Heifer International's HUNDRED MILE MEAL PROGRAM - April 18 Program FREE - Dinner \$20

5th annual local-foods dinner and program with speaker Chef Ann Cooper. Program is from 7:30pm to 9pm. The dinner is optional and will be from 6pm to 7:30pm. Event is in the Doubletree Hotel ballroom. For tickets contact Rainbow Brown, (501)907-4961.

--EARTH DAY CELEBRATION AT THE LITTLE ROCK ZOO - April 18-19 \$8 Adults - \$6 Kids and seniors

The Zoo's Earth Day Celebration will feature interactive booths, games, and other educational materials all centered on the earth and environmental responsibility. Come out and learn where drinking water comes from or how our cities take care of waste. Admission to the Zoo's Earth Day Celebration is free with general admission.

--ROGERS ENVIRONMENTAL DAY - April 19 - FREE

Fun day for families to learn about the environment with live music and an aluminum can drive. Booths are free and there is still time to sign up. LOCATION: Main Street, downtown Rogers, AR

--Don't Forget our own EarthFest Celebration, Saturday, April 26 (See call for volunteers at top of newsletter)

2008 \$500 Annual OMNI CRITICAL THINKING AWARDS 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).

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS FROM THE ARKANSAS COALITION FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

Back by popular demand: We will be protesting again at noon on the first Saturdays of the next two months--April 5th, and May 3rd. These events will be at the corners of Bowman and Chenal in Little Rock. Please remember that these are peaceful demonstrations and that we are always supportive of the troops and their families. We believe that Peace is Patriotic! We need good signs with large print giving positive messages for peace and for an end to war. Invite your friends, neighbors and family members to come with you.

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

NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY

ANNUAL STUDENT PEACE CONFERENCE

2008 Student Peace Conference:

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.

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

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. for more information, see the conference web site: <http://www.historiansagainstawar.org/hawconf> (click on "Sessions").

PREREGISTER FOR THE NATIONAL 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>

NUCLEAR INFORMATION AND RESOURCE SERVICE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND OTHER NEWS:

Work at NIRS! We are seeking a permanent, full-time Administrative Coordinator/Office Manager/Activist. This is a key position at NIRS—this person is the glue that holds the organization together. The job description is available on NIRS website at <http://www.nirs.org/about/jobs.htm>. To apply, send your resume to nirsnet@nirs.org with the subject heading: Administrative Coordinator.

Got Graphics? NIRS is looking for vibrant images for this new round of nuke-fighting! If you will donate images to NIRS--both of the nuclear madness we fight and the positive world we seek to build--we will select and use them on documents, posters, our web site, possibly T-shirts and other vehicles for reaching folks to say NO NEW NUKES! And, of course, we will give the artist full credit. Send your graphics and ideas to nirsnet@nirs.org or to NIRS, 6930 Carroll Avenue, #340, Takoma Park, MD 20912.

Check the Calendar! NIRS has added a public calendar to our website. We'll be posting comment deadlines, events, protests, conferences, congressional vote alerts and more. Send items you'd like included to nirsnet@nirs.org with the word Calendar in the subject heading. You can access the calendar at <http://www.nirs.org/calendar.htm>.

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.

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.

THE 11TH ANNUAL 2008 INTERNATIONAL PEACE PALS™ ART EXHIBITION & AWARDS

by admin

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

On March 19th, tens of thousands of people across the country gathered to observe the fifth anniversary of the war with candlelight vigils. We commemorated the sacrifices too many families have made, and the billions of dollars wasted in Iraq that could have been better invested at home.

The Omni Center sponsored a candlelight vigil to Honor the sacrifice. Change our priorities. Bring the troops home at Federal Building on College Ave.

A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS

Photos from our 5Years2Many demonstration on March 8 are ready for viewing at:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/omnipix/sets/72157604081246219/>

FRESH MEDIA OFFERINGS TO CHECK OUT

NEW DEPARTMENT IN THE NATION MAGAZINE

The Nation has started a new department for the magazine: "Net Movement," by Ari Melber, on progressive innovations to empower the disenfranchised, create and connect communities, inform public discourse, and strengthen democracy.

BEYOND TREASON (A WILLIAM LEWIS FILM)

If you did not make it to Video Underground showing of *Beyond Treason*, take time to see it somewhere. It is horrific to watch, and yet every tax-paying citizen, every person who has a loved who is either in the military or is thinking about enlisting needs to see this film. You can see the full length edition by visiting: [Beyond Treason \(FULL LENGTH\) \(1 of 2\)](http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=5326824137117584395)

video.google.com/videoplay?docid=5326824137117584395

For more information about the devastation caused by depleted uranium, visit

<http://depleteduraniumthechildkiller.com/>

OMNI-NWACC SPRING FILM FESTIVAL IN BENTONVILLE

In accordance with it's mission to provide opportunities for the campus and community to address issues related to peace, justice, and ecology, the OMNI Center and its student chapter at NorthWest Arkansas Community College announce the Spring Film Festival.

Films will be shown in Rm 102B at the Shewmaker Center from 6:30-9:00 pm on the following evenings:

Mar. 26 - *Deliver Us from Evil* is the story of Father Oliver O'Grady, an active pedophile, who was sheltered by the Roman Catholic Church.

Apr. 3 - *Sicko* is Michael Moore's acclaimed documentary indicting the highly profitable American health care industry that sacrifices essential health services in order to maximize profits.

Apr. 9 - *Jesus Camp* is an Oscar-nominated documentary that offers a look at a revivalist subculture where devout Christian youngsters are being primed to deliver the fundamentalist community's religious and political messages.

Apr. 17 - *Paragraph 175* reveals the Nazi persecution of homosexuals under Paragraph 175, the anti-sodomy provision of the German penal code.

Apr. 22 - *Trashed* is a documentary on the history, politics and economics of trash which focuses not only on the problem, but also on solutions.

Apr. 23 - *For the Bible Tells Me So* is a documentary about five Christian families struggling with homosexuality and how the religious right has used its interpretation of the Bible to stigmatize the gay community. 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:

Starting this month *Omni Month in Review* will be live on a first showing, Wednesday, March 26, 7:00p.m. with reruns on Sundays at 12:30p.m.. You don't want to miss this dynamic, informative panel discussion about world events. Moderated by Claire Detels, the group will discuss, in depth, topics that you will seldom see discussed on the mainstream corporately-owned networks. Panels will include members of academia, activists, authors and citizens. Be sure to tune into C.A.T. for this exciting, new show.

Democracy NOW! Schedule:

Tuesdays,	3/25, 4/1	6:00p.m.	Democracy NOW!
Thursdays,	3/27, 4/3	6:00p.m.	Democracy NOW!
Friday	3/28, 3/4	6:00p.m.	Democracy NOW!
Sunday	3/30	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.freespechtv.com

FSTV broadcast schedule:

3:00 am Daily (FSTV will not air during their fundraising drives)

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 Viewing Opportunities:

OMNI's BOOK FORUM, Marjorie Cohen's *Cowboy Republic: Six Ways the Bush Gang Has Defied Law*, will be shown on CAT, Channel 18, on Tuesday March 25, 8p.m.

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

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American Military Casualties in Iraq

Date	Total	In Combat
		
American Deaths		
Since war began (3/19/03):	3996	3267
Since "Mission Accomplished" (5/1/03) (the list)	3857	3159
Since Capture of Saddam (12/13/03):	3535	2961
Since Handover (6/29/04):	3137	2634
Since Election (1/31/05):	2559	2371
American Wounded	Official	Estimated
Total Wounded:	29395	23000 - 100000

Latest Fatality Mar. 22, 2008

IRAQI CIVILIAN BODY COUNT

Civilians reported killed by military intervention in Iraq

MIN.

82,267

MAX.

89,778

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

\$505,000,000,000 and counting

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

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