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**Apologies to those who did not receive a newsletter**

**OMNI CENTER---UPCOMING EVENTS, MEETINGS and CALENDAR**

**SPECIAL MESSAGES**

**60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

One way to recognize the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights (December 10) is to visit the "Know Your Rights" website: <http://html.knowyourrights2008.org/>

**BRING THEM HOME DEMONSTRATION DECEMBER 6**

The Omni Center for Peace will hold a demonstration on **Saturday, December 6 at 1pm** at the corner of Mall Ave. and Joyce Blvd in Fayetteville to call for the withdrawal of US troops from Iraq. We will meet on the street corner near the Best Buy parking lot Signs will be provided. This demonstration will be followed by a series of demonstration on the first Saturday of every month at 1pm at Mall Ave. and Joyce Blvd. For more information, call Chris at 586-2053 or visit [www.makejobsnotwars.com](http://www.makejobsnotwars.com).

**OMNI MONTH IN REVIEW - DECEMBER BREAK**

Omni Month in Review, which appears on Community Access Television (Channel 18), will take a break in December. Look for Moderator Claire Detels and a panel of guests back on the air live Wednesday, January 28.

The November OMIR, "Historic Assessment: Where We Are, Where We're Going." will air during December. Special guests are Dr. Tom Kennedy, retired professor from the History Department of the University of Arkansas, and Dr. Edrene McKay, history professor from Northwest Arkansas Community College.

**OMNI CENTER CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

**--Monday, December 1, 7:00p.m., Mount Sequoyah** -World AIDS Day 20th Anniversary this year (see notice in "What's Going On-Locally . . .)

**--Saturday, December 6, 7:00p.m., Omni Rapid Responders, Potluck at Dick Bennett's** - Do you read articles and editorials in area newspapers and think, "Someone needs to answer that letter with the facts?" Rapid Responders do just that, and they can always use more volunteers to write logical, articulate letters to the editor.

**---Sunday, December 7, 7:00p.m., Video Underground, United Campus Ministries Chapel, 902 W. Maple, Fayetteville** -The Omni Center shows a series of free movies every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month (unless noted otherwise) Admission is free but donations are appreciated.

For more information, contact Gerald Sloan at 575-6302 or [gsloan@uark.edu](mailto:gsloan@uark.edu)

To see the schedule for the Video Underground film series,

go to <http://omni-vu-films.blogspot.com/>

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**--Thursday, December 18, 5:30p.m. Potluck, 6:00p.m.** - Omni Steering Committee Meeting, Deep End of United Campus Ministries, 902 W. Maple, Fayetteville, AR

**--Sunday, December 21, 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 woman writer's), share short prose or sing at an open mic forum hosted by Mendy Knott. It's a great place to "try out" new work, share your masterpieces, or read for the very first time. So come read, sing or play your work to a really receptive audience. Men and women are warmly invited to attend this celebration of women's words.

Nightbird Books is located in the old mill buildings at the corner of School. Their phone number is 443-2080. Reading starts at 6:30 but come early to sign up to read, browse the books and enjoy the good company. For HOWL questions or to join our mailing list, email [howl@herwords.org](mailto:howl@herwords.org). HOWL is collaboration between Herwords and the Omni Center, supported Nightbird Books in Fayetteville, AR.

## **WHAT'S GOING ON?---CURRENT EVENTS and INFORMATION** **LOCALLY: CITY, COUNTY, AND STATE**

(New Items will have Green Heading)

### **ERA (EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT) TO BE RE-INTRODUCED FOR RATIFICATION**

A Message from Berta Seitz, ERAkansas Coordinator

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

Just so you will be more comfortable I will provide a little history review. In 1972, the U.S. Congress passed the Equal Rights Amendment with a seven-year time limit for ratification. Congress later added a three-year extension, but by the deadline of June 30, 1982 the amendment was three states short of the 38 needed for ratification. In 1992, Congress added the 27th amendment to the Constitution. This amendment had been passed by Congress in 1789. It had taken 203 years to achieve full ratification.

Given the precedent set by ratification of the 27th amendment and other precedents regarding ratification of constitutional amendments, legal scholars say that the ERA is still legally viable and could be added to the Constitution if three more states ratify it. The Congressional

Research Service at the Library of Congress has released a memorandum supporting this opinion on ERA ratification.

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

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

Many thanks!

Berta Seitz

ERArkansas Coordinator

## HARMONIA TO PERFORM AT NIGHTBIRD BOOKS

From Harmonia

Yes, it's that time of year when you get to hear Harmonia sing of Winter, Solstice, Christmas, Chanukah ---- and ETC!

This year our Winter Concert is on Wednesday, December 17, at Nightbird Books, at 7:00 pm.

We will be singing --- for about an hour ---- in a larger room that is in the building adjacent to Nightbird, and then will all adjourn to Nightbird for refreshments.

More information will be forthcoming, but please put it on your calendar and save the date.

## STILL ON THE HILL HOSTS A BANJO DRIVE

Greetings Friends,

There are no words to describe all the amazing synchronicities and experiences we are having with our Ozark project. Each Free Community (we've finished 7 so far) concert has been a jewel with many profound experiences!

We have raised almost \$2,000 for Play It Again, Arkansas to get folk instruments for any student in the Ozarks (or Arkansas) that wants to keep the tradition going and learn to play BANJO, FIDDLE, GUITAR, MANDOLIN!!! (Thanks to each of you who have bought our new CD/book) We have been playing tons of schools and have been letting students know about this great opportunity. Several have expressed interest and excitement!

The only glitch is that Play It Again, Arkansas...usually just finds BAND instruments for students. Folks donate 'closet' trumpets and clarinets to the organization, they fix em up and find homes for students to use during the school year. WELL....this 'folk instrument thing' is a new angle for them and they don't have a stock pile of banjos, fiddles...etc...SO we got an idea to host a BANJO (and folk instrument) DRIVE for the holidays!

If you have a folk instrument (violin, guitar, banjo, mandolin, dulcimer) that is just gathering dust and you would like it to be USED... Kelly and I are going to HAND DELIVER them to Play it Again, Arkansas in Little Rock on either Dec 17th or 18th! Maybe a young person can have a BANJO under the christmas tree this year???? (PLEASE don't give away heirlooms that you might regret later)

You can either bring it to us at 885 N. Fritz. Dr. Fayetteville OR we would be glad to come pick it up. Our home phone is 479-582-2291 give us a call to make arrangements.

Thanks so much for your support!

Musically yours, Donna and Kelly

## STILL ON THE HILL ANNUAL WINTER CONCERT

We know that your HOLIDAY CALENDAR fills up quickly so we want to let you know about the date of our ANNUAL WINTER CONCERT at GOOD FOLK. It is Friday December 19, 8-10 pm. As usual, Kelly's Mom, Marybess will honor us with oodles of her wonderful HOMEMADE Cookies!!!! (The word is out and we think it is her cookies that are drawing standing room only crowds!!!!)

The first set, Still on the Hill will stretch out and share many new songs along with some old favorites.

The second set will be an offering of their new OZARK project. This body of work has been 10 years in the making! *Still on the Hill* is performing this show in 12 communities around the state where folks that they have written about hail from. This good folk rendition will be a special 'added' showing and will feature Robin Rues on the bass guitar.

As usual, this is one of the only local concerts that *Still on the Hill* plays all year and it fills up FAST so get it on your calendar and make your reservations early!!!!

Thanks....See ya there!  
Donna and Kelly

## WORLD AIDS DAY 20TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION

DECEMBER 1, 7:00 PM

MOUNT SEQUOYAH

World AIDS Day has been observed in Fayetteville for many years. In the past, we have gathered at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. However, this 20th anniversary will be an exceptional event. Mount Sequoyah is pleased to host this memorial to family and friends we have lost to this disease, and as a celebration of hope for those living with

HIV/AIDS. A mini-concert by the Inspirational Singers from UA, talks by Bishop Fritz and Eta Mae Mutti from Kansas City, as well as Sarah Fennell of Restore Humanity (HIV/AIDS orphanage in Kenya) will make it a special evening. For more information, please contact Tom Markham at [thomasmarkham@cox.net](mailto:thomasmarkham@cox.net)

## FROM THE BICYCLE COALITION OF THE OZARKS

**YOU'RE INVITED:** Roll on down to the Bicycle Coalition of the Ozarks Annual Membership Meeting, Everyone Invited! Enjoy Company of Cycling Enthusiast like you as we gather to share good food and learn where we've been, and to see where we're going Wednesday, December 10, 5:30-7:00pm, Walker Community Room  
For more information visit: [bco@bconwa.com](mailto:bco@bconwa.com)

There are still a lot of great Arkansas cycling events and activities for you to participate in for 2008. See the Calendar of Events at [www.cyclingarkansas.com](http://www.cyclingarkansas.com)

## PREVENTING NEXT WAR FORUM, JANUARY BOOK PANEL 2009

OMNI's next Book Forum is about PREVENTING THE NEXT WAR, JANUARY 2009.

I hope you will be on the panel. Here are a few possible books for discussion, and I welcome more. Contact Dick, [jbennet@uark.edu](mailto:jbennet@uark.edu) (Each panelist will be responsible for at least one book of their own choosing.)

-- Kim Michaels, *The Art of Non-War*

[http://www.askrealjesus.com/litecommerce/cart.php?target=product&product\\_id=263&category\\_id=60](http://www.askrealjesus.com/litecommerce/cart.php?target=product&product_id=263&category_id=60) to order the book directly from the publisher.

-- Miriam Pemberton, ed. *Lessons From Iraq: Avoiding the Next War*. "We can't move on. The damage done by this war has to be examined if it is to be repaired."

--Ritter, Scott. *Waging Peace: The Art of War for the Antiwar Movement*.

Dick Bennett

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## OMNI NEEDS A COUNTER-RECRUITING COORDINATOR

The high schools are in session, and the recruiters will be on campuses. We need a coordinator to organize a counter-recruitment team to educate students about financial and career alternatives to enlistment.

For more information about counter-recruiting, visitor Opportunities (YANO). Read his essay: <http://www.projectyano.org> If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Gladys Tiffany 973-9049 or [gladystiffany@yahoo.com](mailto:gladystiffany@yahoo.com)

## RECRUITER ABUSE HELP HOTLINE

The National Youth and Militarism Recruiter Abuse Hotline: 1-877-688-6881. Started by the AFSC.

## RESISTING MILITARIZING OF OUR SCHOOLS

"DMZ: A Guide to Taking Your School Back from the Military." To order: [www.warresisters.org](http://www.warresisters.org) or email [wrl@warresisters.org](mailto:wrl@warresisters.org), or [www.warresisters.org/dmz](http://www.warresisters.org/dmz)

## MOVING FORWARD TOWARD A PERMANENT HOME

OMNI seeks the donation of a lot or acreage on which to build a new home. Contact Richard Tiffany at (479) 973-9049 if you are interested.

## OMNI LOOKING FOR A PC

OMNI Center is in need of a relatively new PC or Laptop. If you have a computer that you'd like to donate, or know where we can find a good bargain, please contact Gladys Tiffany [gladystiffany@yahoo.com](mailto:gladystiffany@yahoo.com) or 973-9049

# WHAT'S GOING ON?—NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY

## NEW ITEMS IN GREEN

### ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN WORKSHOP ON EDUCATION FOR PEACE

DECEMBER 5-6, 2008

TANTUR, JERUSALEM

Following the workshops of January, April and August 2008 we are holding the Fourth Peace & Democracy Education Workshop that will once again bring together peace educators, curricula writers, encounter facilitators, peace studies practitioners, conflict resolution practitioners, mediators, and activists from academia, research sector, governmental and community organizations and others from Israel, Palestine and beyond.

The following is contact information about the workshop, cost and registration:

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### FRIENDS OF LIVE EARTH INDIA

Live Earth India is happening in Mumbai on December 7. The show will be broadcast throughout Asia live on the STAR networks, and will be streaming live and available on demand on MSN worldwide. How can you be part of what's happening in India? Host a Friends of Live Earth event on or around December 7, and educate yourselves and your friends about how India can help change the world and solve the climate crisis.

<http://liveearth.org/>

submitted by Gladys Tiffany

### CELEBRATE HUMAN RIGHTS DAYS, TRUE SERVICE

HUMAN RIGHTS/UDHR DAY and BILL OF RIGHTS DAY are approaching December 10 and 15. Let's ensure these days receive the attention they deserve, for they offer a constructive way to serve peace, justice, democracy, and freedom. Contact Dick to volunteer.

Dick Bennett 442-4600

[jbennet@uark.edu](mailto:jbennet@uark.edu)

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

### THE WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM

The Fall issue of WILPF's magazine, *Peace and Freedom*, has appeared. Since 1915 WILPF has defended equality of all people in a world free of racism, sexism, and homophobia; the building of a constructive peace through world disarmament; and the changing of government priorities to meet human needs. OMNI needs one person to help us keep in better contact with WILPF and other women's organizations, and to inform them of OMNI's parallel and supportive work.

submitted by Dick Bennett

### WORLDWIDE WAMM (WOMEN AGAINST MILITARY MADNESS) OCTOBER 2008 HAS APPEARED.

Officers of WAMM (from St. Paul-Minneapolis) have visited us twice. Their newsletter this month contains articles on peace journalism and Middle East, RNC bullying policing in St. Paul, a founder's speech delivered at their RNC protest, Pervasive US militarism pervasive, US nuclear violations. [www.worldwidewamm.org](http://www.worldwidewamm.org)

submitted by Dick Bennett

## RESISTING THE FASCIST SHIFT

Naomi Wolf's new book, *Give Me Liberty: A Handbook for American Revolutionaries*, follows up her earlier book, *The End of America* (i.e. of its democracy), that described the several main aspects of the US "fascist shift." *Give Me Liberty* sets forth the resistance. For example, her opening chapters on the Declaration of Independence, Fake Patriotism, and Fake Democracy stir the heart. Part II's US "core values" provokes thought. Part III is the guide to action packed with suggestions; for example, a succinct guide to fundraising pp. 286-292. This book might be sub-sub-titled *A Guide for Obama*.

submitted by Dick Bennett

## IRE (INVESTIGATIVE REPORTERS AND EDITORS)

The latest edition of *The IRE* (Sept. Oct. 2008) is packed with heartening articles about discovering and reporting the truth. One section articles about "Justice for All," including criminal justice journalists, doubts over 5 life sentences, freeing the wrongly imprisoned. Parallel with whistleblowers, investigative reporters and editors work to give us truths foundational to a just society.

submitted by Dick Bennett

## QUAKER ACTION

Published by the American Friends Service Committee, the Fall issue of their newsletter includes articles on "Five Principles for a New Approach to U.S. Foreign Policy" and the "STOPMAX Conference" about ending isolation and torture in U.S. prisons.

submitted by Dick Bennett

## STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE FOR CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS AVAILABLE

Posted by: "Austin Moran" [mis@nysar.com](mailto:mis@nysar.com) [austinmoran](http://austinmoran.com), From the VFP Digest.

If you know someone who has enlisted in the military or who is already in the military and has developed convictions of a religious conscientious objector, then a new book is now available containing the step-by-step procedure regarding release from the military.

A free copy of the book to down load is available on the following link:

<http://www.peacehost.net/christianCO/ProceduresBook5.pdf>

Also a hard copy of the book can be purchased from the internet book seller Lulu:

<http://www.lulu.com/content/4682550>

submitted by Dick Bennett

## GREEN FOR ALL WEBSITE AND FEBRUARY CONFERENCE

Register today for the 2009 Good Jobs, Green Jobs National Conference, February 4 - 6, 2009, in Washington, D.C. [greenforall.org](http://greenforall.org)

## PEACE AND JUSTICE BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

For several days this summer, e-mails about favorite children's books swarmed through AFSC in response to a request for recommendations of favorite children's books, especially ones related to peace, justice, and other Quaker values. They were for use in AFSC's *Quaker Action* magazine, but space was limited. Only a small selection of the books could be included. So we compiled a comprehensive electronic document and put it on the web at [www.afsc.org/kidsbooks](http://www.afsc.org/kidsbooks). Tell us about your favorite children's book at [actioncenter@afsc.org](mailto:actioncenter@afsc.org).

## GIVE PEACE

Card and Ornament to  
Support AFSC's Programs

If you're looking for the perfect gift for the holidays, we've got it: A special card and ornament that promote peace by supporting AFSC's programs. [Brighten the holidays](#)

## BUY A PEACE BOND FOR THE NONVIOLENT PEACEFORCE

The Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP) is an unarmed, professional peacekeeping force made up of trained civilians who work to set up dialogue among conflicting groups, as well as using innovative strategies to ensure lasting peace. It's the worlds only paid and trained unarmed civilian peacekeeping force.

Nonviolent Peaceforce's founder, Mel Duncan, was chosen this year as one of *Utne Reader's* "50 Visionaries Changing the World." You can read more about NP at their website, "[nonviolentpeaceforce.org](http://nonviolentpeaceforce.org)". You'll see the dangerous and rewarding work that they do in hotspots like Sri Lanka and the Philippines. Their work at this stage is focused on 'pilot programs' involved in on-the-ground research in how nonviolence can be used effectively to limit or even halt violence once deadly conflict erupts. These trained and committed NP practitioners are laying their lives on the line to explore the potential power of nonviolence.

They also do nonviolent conflict intervention in the United States. At the Republican National Convention in Minneapolis, 100 trained Minnesota Peace Team members from NP stood between activists and police as detained protesters were released from jail. Both sides agreed their calm presence helped keep the situation from escalating.

Nonviolent Peaceforce receives funding from several sources, yet they remain a very poorly funded organization, in comparison to the vast needs for nonviolent intervention across the globe. Would you like to donate this holiday season by buying a Peace Bond for someone you love? You can take out a Peace Bond at "[buypeacebonds.org](http://buypeacebonds.org)". They're available in several denominations, and your loved one will receive a colorful Bond of your choice, designed by creative children and artists all across the globe. submitted by Gladys Tiffany

### **PEACE AND JUSTICE 2009 CALENDARS**

*Cat Lovers Against the Bomb*" by Nebraskans for Peace. [www.catloversagainstthebomb.org](http://www.catloversagainstthebomb.org), [catcal@aol.com](mailto:catcal@aol.com)  
*Hidden History of the United States Calendar* by The Progressive. [www.progressive.org](http://www.progressive.org)

Submitted by Dick Bennett

### **GREAT RESEARCH SOURCE FOR ANTI-WAR, CIVIL LIBERTIES/RIGHTS ADVOCATES**

*THE NATION* MAGAZINE OFFERS ALL PAST CONTENTS FREE TO SUBSCRIBERS

A subscription now includes every article, editorial, and review back to 1865.

Submitted by Dick Bennett

### **HELP BOOK PUBLISHERS AND NEWSPAPERS**

Publishing houses and newspapers across the country are cutting back in order to stay in business. The Morning News shrunk its size from 6 to 5 columns last month. Publishers are keen on books that can maximize profit--sex, salvation, sadism.

Many publishers remain, however, to provide diverse books that inspire the intellectual spirit and promote social change. Some of those publishers are The New Press, South End Press, Common Courage Press, Seven Stories, Beacon. Clarity Press just now published *American Wars, Illusions and Realities*; Perseus published *We Who Dared to Say No to War*. If you buy books, look at their offerings, as well as to magazines that give access to independent minds: we won't have them if you don't subscribe to them.

Submitted by Dick Bennett

### **OMNI EVENTS POSTED ON FLCKR.COM**

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

<http://www.flickr.com/groups/53408817@N00/pool/>

### **LOCAL CONNECTIONS**

Email your Public Service Announcements 2 weeks in advance to KUAF radio's Pete Hartman at [phartma@uark.edu](mailto: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](mailto:wheeler65@gmail.com) if you want to be on the list.

Richard Drake continues his Fayetteville blog, street jazz, at <http://www.arktmes.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](http://www.readwrite.typepad.com/poetry)

Mindspace: [www.readwrite.typepad.com/meditation](http://www.readwrite.typepad.com/meditation)

Tibetspace: [www.readwrite.typepad.com/artibet](http://www.readwrite.typepad.com/artibet)

Institute website: [www.artibet.com](http://www.artibet.com)

From Leigh Wilkerson - Larrapin Garden blog at <http://larrapin.blogspot.com>

## OMNI/COMMUNITY ACCESS TELEVISION (C.A.T.) CONNECTIONS

[www.catfayetteville.com](http://www.catfayetteville.com)

### OMNI Month In Review:

*Omni Month in Review* with Moderator Claire Detels can be watched live on Wednesday, November 19; the repeats will be thru the month on Sunday at 1:00p.m

**Democracy NOW! Schedule:** (NOTE: DUE TO FSTV FUNDRAISING, THE EVENING VIEWING OF DEMOCRACY NOW WILL ONLY SHOW FROM 6:30P.M. - 7:00P.M.. THE MORNING SHOW WILL RUN IN ITS USUAL TIME SLOT)

Tuesdays,	12/2, 12/9	6:30-7:00p.m.	Democracy NOW!
Thursdays	12/4, 12/11	6:30-7:00p.m.	Democracy NOW!
Friday	12/5, 12/12	6:30-7:00p.m.	Democracy NOW!
Sunday	12/7, 12/14	6:30-7:00p.m.	Democracy NOW!

**Free Speech TV (FSTV) sponsored by Omni - 3:00a.m. - 9:00a.m.** - FSTV continues its cutting edge challenges, pushing us to think. [www.freespechtv.com](http://www.freespechtv.com) Omni Center is pleased to provide FSTV to our local Community Access Television

**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:

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**Omni Book Samplers:**

Book Samplers give a five minute book report or read a five minute excerpt from a book. If you like to read and would like to share and encourage others to read books that you find informative and interesting, please volunteer to be a Book Sampler. Contact: Dick Bennett [jbennet@uark.edu](mailto:jbennet@uark.edu)

Short Takes: Taping at C.A.T.

**Taping Schedule:**

Every Monday night, from 5:00p.m.-6:00p.m., C.A.T. will be doing Short Takes live. This will be a great opportunity for time sensitive material, live entertainment, or anything else that is expressive.

For the folks who don't want to go on camera live, you can still record your short take from 6:00p.m.-6:30p.m Mondays, and on Tuesdays from 12 noon - 1:30p.m. Both the live and recorded short takes will air the following week as usual. If anyone has any comments or questions, please feel free to contact C.A.T.

**Viewing Times:** 11:00a.m., 5:00p.m., 11:00p.m.

**Omni News and Current Events featured on Short Takes:**

Presented by Cliff Hughes, Dick Bennett

Other Shows on C.A.T.

**Peace Train radio 1610AM is presenting a series of 1 hour music/slide show programs on Fayetteville CAT.**

**Monday, 12/1/2008**

6:00 pm Peace Train 1610 AM

**Friday, 12/5/2008**

10:00 pm Peace Train 1610 AM

**Monday, 12/8/2008**

6:00p.m. Peace Train 1610 AM

**Friday, 12/12/2008**

10:00p.m. Peace Train 1610 AM

**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](http://www.buzzflash.com/search/?Query=iran) or BBC at [http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle\\_east/default.stm](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

Date	Total	In Combat
		
<b>American Deaths</b>		
Since war began (3/19/03):	4207	3395
Since "Mission Accomplished" (5/1/03) ( <a href="#">the list</a> )	4068	3287
Since Capture of Saddam (12/13/03):	3747	3089
Since Handover (6/29/04):	3348	2762
Since Election (1/31/05):	2770	2499
<b>American Wounded</b>	<b>Official</b>	<b><a href="#">Estimated</a></b>
<a href="#">Total Wounded:</a>	30832	Over <a href="#">100000</a>

## IRAQI CIVILIAN BODY COUNT

Civilians reported killed by military intervention in Iraq

MIN.		MAX.
89,544	-	97,762

Source of Iraqi Civilian Body Count: <http://www.iraqbodycount.net/>

\*A body count of Iraqi civilian deaths was published in the medical journal *The Lancet* in 2006; its estimate at that time was 600,000 (min) to 650,000 (max). Some sources estimate the death toll of civilian deaths today is over 1,000,000

## COST OF THE WAR IN IRAQ

**\$575,000,000,000 and counting**

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

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## **MILESTONES**

- December 1 - World AIDS Day  
- Rosa Parks arrested for refusing to give up her bus seat to a white, touching off Montgomery, Alabama Bus Boycott (1955)
- December 2 - Senate censures Senator Joe McCarthy (1954)  
- Four U.S. Catholic missionary women killed by Death Squads in El Salvador
- December 3 - Protestors destroy files a eight New York draft boards. (1969)  
- Hawaii decision legalizes gay marriage (1996)
- December 4 - The Grange organized to protect farmers' interests (1867)  
- President Reagan authorizes CIA to conduct domestic surveillance (1981)
- December 5 - AFL and CIO merge, electing George Meany first President (1955)
- December 6 - First national black labor group, the Colored National Labor Convention, meets in Washington, D.C. (1869)
- December 7 - 1,000 national hunger marchers arrive in Washington, D.C. (1931)  
- Japan attacks United States Naval Base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. (1941)
- December 8 - American Federation of Labor (AFL) founded (1886)
- December 9 - Underground blast in Nevada breaks through ground, releasing fallout and violating Test Ban Treaty. (1968)
- December 10 - Spain cedes the Philippines, Puerto Rico, and Guam to U.S. (1898)  
Jane Addams receives Nobel Peace Prize (1931)  
Eugene McCarthy dies (2005)
- December 11 - Italy and Germany declare war on the United States (1941)
- December 12 - Reverend Maurice McCrackin sent to jail for six months for tax resistance  
U.S. Supreme Court halts Florida recount in Gore-Bush Presidential race (2000)
- December 13 - First U.S. bombings of Hanoi (1966)  
Al Gore concedes to George W. Bush in a televised address more than a month after the Presidential election (2000)
- December 14 - President Nixon authorizes Christmas bombing of Hanoi (1972)