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## OMNI CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

--June 19, Thursday, 5:30p.m. Potluck, 6:00p.m. - Omni Steering Committee Meeting, Deep End of United Campus Ministries, 902 W. Maple, Fayetteville, AR

--June 21, Saturday, 11a.m.-5p.m., The annual Juneteenth celebration Jones Center for Families, Springdale - In commemoration of African American , - Food will be served at noon. All activities are free.

--June 22, Kid's Club Family Potluck, Walker Park

It's a fun time to be a scout! We're going to coordinate a time to go to CAT and record the kids singing their song to do a PSA. Family hiking/camping trips will pop up, too. Earth Scouts 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](mailto:sara@everydaysimple.org)

--June 25, Wednesday, Omni NWACC Film Festival, Speaking Freely: Susan George on Neo-Liberalism, 6:30p.m., NWACC, White Auditorium, Burns Hall 1080, Bentonville - This film introduces Susan George, political scientist, author, and chair of the planning board for the Transnational Institute, who discusses neo-liberalism, the roots of world poverty, and empire-building.

*WORLD WAR II: REFLECTIONS ON AMERICA'S DEDICATION TO WAR* by Edward Wood, Jr. 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](mailto:jbennet@uark.edu)

--July 20, Sunday, 6:30P.M. HOWL: Women's Open Mic at Nightbird Books, Old Mill Building, Corner of School and 6<sup>th</sup>-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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:howl@herwords.org). HOWL is a collaboration between Herwords and the Omni Center, supported Nightbird Books in Fayetteville, AR.

--July 10, Friday, 6:30p.m., Nightbird Books, The Omni Book Forum - The Book Forum for July is *WORSHIPPING THE MYTHS OF*

## OTHER ORGANIZATIONS---UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

### --June 21, Saturday, 5:30p.m. (food at 6pm, Bike & Build slideshow @ 7pm), The First Christian Church @ 220 N. College, Fayetteville

Let's show a warm Fayetteville Potluck Welcome for the cross-country Bike and Build tour. <http://bikeandbuild.org/cms/>

These hard-working folks have chosen to build affordable housing across the nation, traveling by bicycle. Some of them have never traveled by bicycle before, yet now they are living on their bicycles as they travel from Virginia to California.

Please come out and join us for a wonderful casual event and learn about life on a bicycle.

MORE INFO: Laura 521-4619 or Nan [nlawler@uark.edu](mailto:nlawler@uark.edu)

The BCO has a reputation for making some of the most sumptuous potlucks in town. Don't miss out.

### --June 27, Friday, 7:00p.m., The NWA GLBT Community Center Fundraising Gala

The NWA GLBT Community Center is gearing up for its 2nd Annual Fund Raising Gala. "A Star Studded Night" that will be held at the Clarion Inn in Fayetteville. The evening will be an exciting "night among the stars" as Gala guests, our "celebrities" of the night enjoy a lavish Prime Rib, Chicken or Vegetarian buffet dinner and lively entertainment, along with guest speakers, a Silent Auction, live music and much more! It's a Hollywood evening that will create a memory that will last a lifetime. Tickets for the event are \$50.00 and will be on sale soon. There will be an opportunity to make someone the "Star of the Night" by casting a \$1.00 vote into the ballot box. The Ballroom will be delightfully decorated resembling the glitz and glamour of a Hollywood party. This is a black-tie event and costumes of your favorite Stars are welcome.

Will you join us in making this year's event the best it can be? Our goal for this year's fund-raising event starts at \$8,600. We are in need of people with various backgrounds and abilities to help in making this event a tremendous success. Would you or your organization like to help? If you are interested in learning more about the event please contact me directly at the number listed below or you may respond directly to this email address. In addition, you may visit the Community Center's web site for additional information. The information on the web is limited at this time, however, more information will be added and updated as we go along.

I look forward to hearing from each you and look forward to seeing you and your organization at the Gala. Thank you for your consideration and time, **Michael Burks, C.I.D., Event Coordinator, NWA GLBT Community Center, Cell: 479-466-6453, Fax: 479-442-2019**

[www.nwaglbtc.org](http://www.nwaglbtc.org)

--June 28, 2008 NWA Pride Parade - A Celebration of Diversity and Community, will be held on Saturday, June 28,

2008 in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Parade organizers invite GLBTs and Straight allies to come together in solidarity in support of equal rights for all.

It is NWA Pride's great pleasure to honor Chris Hannon as this year's Grand Marshal. Chris has been an unsung hero as founder of the NWA POSITIVE LINKS BUDDY PROGRAM and is currently a board member of the NWA GLBT Community Center.

The Buddy Program provides information and much needed peer-to-peer support for people living with HIV and AIDS. Chris and Program volunteers maintain a food bank, make personal visits, help with chores, transportation and provide many other resources for living a positive life.

Parade participants and spectators are encouraged to be artistic, have fun and show your pride. (Kid friendly and appropriate for public locations) Paint your face, wear costumes, dress up your pets, horses, bicycles, vehicles and especially this election year, proudly wave rainbow and American flags.

The parade lineup will start at 10 AM on Meadow Street, next to the Arvest Bank. Parade will start promptly at 12 Noon. A brief Pride rally will be held at the end of the parade in the Walton Arts Center Parking Lot.

For more details, float and/or speaker applications, please go to NWA Pride's web site at [nwapride.org](http://nwapride.org).

### --June 29, Sunday, 11:00a.m., Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 201 W. Cleveland, Fayetteville, Pride Service

This is an annual service planned and led by members of the congregation. The service commemorates Unitarian Universalists belief in the dignity of every human being and reaffirms UUFF's commitment to being a Welcoming Congregation. For more information, please contact UUFF at 521-8422

### --June 29, Sunday, 1-2:30, Tea Dance at the UUFF, 901 W. Cleveland, Fayetteville

-This will be a closing event for the weekend celebrating PRIDE in NWA. It is sponsored by INTERWEAVE. The DJ will be Anna.

**NEW ITEMS IN GREEN**

**WRITERS BLOCK IS A CHANCE TO  
WRITE  
A GUEST COLUMN  
FOR THE MORNING NEWS**

"Writers Block" is a regular publication of The Morning News and offers readers a chance to write a guest column for the newspaper. Readers may submit columns for consideration by the paper's Editorial Board for publication.

Submissions which meet the following guidelines are welcome:

Columns may be mailed to "Writers Block", in care of Tom Sissom, The Morning News, P.O. Box 7, Springdale, Ark. 72764, or emailed to [news@nwaonline.net](mailto:news@nwaonline.net), Attn: "Writers Block".

- Columns must deal with timely topics of local, regional, state and national interest. Columns about political candidates or personal disputes will not be published. Columns must be in good taste. Personal attacks and libelous or defamatory statements will not be published.
- Columns should not exceed 1,000 words. Submissions must be typewritten and double-spaced. Columns also may be submitted electronically. No hand-written columns will be accepted.
- Writers must submit columns under their own names. If selected, their names will be published with the column. Submissions must include a telephone number, mailing address and email address for verification purposes. That information will not be published or otherwise released.
- The Morning News reserves the right to edit for content, grammar and accuracy.
- The Morning News reserves the right to reject any submission and limit the number of published items from each contributor. Published columns become the property of The Morning News., AR 72756-3738  
<http://www.nwaonline.net/pdfs/2008/04/writersblock.pdf>

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AVAILABLE IN OUR WEBSITE**

[www.omnicenter.org](http://www.omnicenter.org) Click on biblios at bottom of home page. This bibliography provides substantial knowledge on diverse subjects essential to effective action. From books on citizen resistance, the growing presence of commodification, the betrayal of Africa, the animal no kill movement, and a new focus in the anti-war movement, to the dismantling of democracy and fundamentalist religion, to global warming, hope, peace education, sprawl, and victims, accompanied by numerous cross-references, this biblio., like the others, provides resources for enjoyable, diverse reading for action.

**REGISTER NOW FOR THE ARKANSAS  
WIND WORKING GROUP MEETING!**

The first official meeting of the Arkansas Wind Working Group is scheduled for Thursday, June 26, 2008 in Little Rock, AR, at the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service.

For more information regarding the draft agenda and site location, and to register, please see the attached PDF or visit:

[http://www.arkansasrenewableenergy.org/wind/awwg\\_mtg\\_062608.html](http://www.arkansasrenewableenergy.org/wind/awwg_mtg_062608.html)

# WHAT'S GOING ON?—NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY

## NEW ITEMS IN GREEN

### HABEAS UPHELD! (BY 5-4 DECISION)

For the complete story visit:

<http://www.SaveTheCourt.org>

### SUDAN DIVESTMENT TASKFORCE SEEKS TO CURB OUR CASH FLOW TO SUDAN'S GENOCIDE IN DARFUR

For the complete story, visit Sudan Divestment Task Force website: <http://www.sudandivestment.org/>

### BRAVE NATION IS ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR "YOUNG HERO" AWARDS UNTIL JUNE 22

Nominate a young activist. Are you inspired by an activist under 30? If so, This Brave Nation is accepting nominations for "Young Hero" awards until June 22.

Visit [bravenation.com/heroes.php](http://bravenation.com/heroes.php) to nominate someone you know.

### REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

3rd Annual International Conference on "ENGAGING THE OTHER:"

The Power of Compassion

September 4 - 7, 2008

San Francisco (San Mateo), California, USA

An international, multi-cultural, multi-disciplinary conference examining concepts of "The OTHER" from a universal, cross-cultural perspective to promote wider public dialogue about concepts of "Us and Them"

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Institute of Imaginal Studies and Institute of Noetic Sciences

~ Registration is Open To Professionals and the General Public

Conference Details at:

[www.cbiworld.org/Pages/Conferences\\_ETO.htm](http://www.cbiworld.org/Pages/Conferences_ETO.htm)

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Yet to be Confirmed: Danny Glover, Carolyn Lukensmyer

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Details at Website: [www.cbiworld.org](http://www.cbiworld.org)

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## ENTRIES FOR PEACE MOVEMENT DIRECTORY INVITED

The United Nations proclaimed the first ten years of the 21st Century the Decade of Peace and issued a Manifesto for a Culture of Peace. The peace and justice movements in Mexico, the United States, and Canada have striven to make that envisioned future possible. This second edition of PEACE MOVEMENT DIRECTORY continues the work of the first edition (McFarland 2001)--enabling organizations, programs, museums, and publishers to share ideas for peace and justice and to increase their connections and coalitions. Each Entry with links and the detailed cross-referenced Index will encourage building a Culture of Peace for a North American peace movement. Peace places (monuments, parks, gardens) are also included. **Contact Dick Bennett 442-4600 [jbennet@uark.edu](mailto:jbennet@uark.edu)**

## 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/>

## 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. If you wish to co-sponsor and help build the conference, please contact [kstade@cspinet.org](mailto:kstade@cspinet.org).

Conference details and registration will soon be available at:

[http://www.cspinet.org/integrity/conflictedscience\\_conf.html](http://www.cspinet.org/integrity/conflictedscience_conf.html)

## FRESH MEDIA OFFERINGS TO CHECK OUT

### WINNER OF 2007 INTERNATIONAL PEACEWRITING AWARD HAS BEEN PUBLISHED

*GREAT PEACEMAKERS: True Stories from Around the World*, has been published.

*PeaceWriting* had this to say about the book: "The book is extraordinarily rich in understanding and experience for expanding peace and hope....We strongly recommend this book for its significant integration of peacemaking ideas and practice." The wide range of approaches to peacemaking are organized into five paths to peace: Choosing Nonviolence (Thoreau, Gandhi, King, Sa), Living Peace (Mother Teresa, Hanh, McCarthy, Arias), Honoring Diversity (Hussar, Tutu, Eisler, Dalai Lama), Valuing All Life (Salt, Schweitzer, Lindgren, Goodall), Caring for the Planet (Carson, Suzuki, Khalili, Maathai). Besides very interesting reading for all ages teens to 100, could be a great text for high school and college.

### PBS

Late week nights you'll find some good programs on PBS. Check out "Independent Lens." For example, Sunday, June 8, "Independent Lens," was about an indigent, jailed Mexican American's legal battle for prisoners' rights in the Texas prison system, and his extraordinary lawyer, whom he married upon release. "Frontline" is on every Tuesday at 9p.m.

## WEBSITES AND LOCAL CONNECTIONS

### WEBSITES FOR SOLAR, WIND, RENEWABLE ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES IN ARKARKANSAS

[www.arkansasrenewableenergy.org/](http://www.arkansasrenewableenergy.org/)

[ArkansasRenewableEnergy.org](http://ArkansasRenewableEnergy.org) is your Internet portal for information on solar, geothermal, and other renewable energy technologies in Arkansas!

Submitted by Chris Delacruz

### 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)

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

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

### **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. Repeats of May's OMIR can be viewed on Sundays, June 21 and June 28.

### **Democracy NOW! Schedule:**

Tuesdays,	6/17, 6/24	6:00p.m.	Democracy NOW!
Thursdays	6/19, 6/26	6:00p.m.	Democracy NOW!
Friday	6/20,	6:00p.m.	Democracy NOW!
Sunday	6/22	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](http://www.freespeechtv.com)

### **FSTV broadcast schedule:**

3:00 am Daily

**Any 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. 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:**

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](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):	4099	3337
Since "Mission Accomplished" (5/1/03) ( <a href="#">the list</a> )	3960	3229
Since Capture of Saddam (12/13/03):	3638	3031
Since Handover (6/29/04):	3240	2704
Since Election (1/31/05):	2662	2441
<b>American Wounded</b>	<b>Official</b>	<b><a href="#">Estimated</a></b>
<a href="#">Total Wounded:</a>	30333	23000 - <a href="#">100000</a>

Latest Fatality June 12, 2008

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## IRAQI CIVILIAN BODY COUNT

Civilians reported killed by military intervention in Iraq

<b>MIN.</b>		<b>MAX.</b>
84,393	—	92,071

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

**\$528,000,000,000 and counting**

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

## CONTACT YOUR CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

- **Senator Blanche Lincoln:** Web Site (they have contact links): [www.lincoln.senate.gov](http://www.lincoln.senate.gov);  
<http://www.lincoln.senate.gov/index.cfm>; <http://www.lincoln.senate.gov/webform.html>
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  - Fayetteville office: 251-1380
- **Senator Mark Pryor:** Web Site (see contact link): [www.pryor.senate.gov](http://www.pryor.senate.gov) ;  
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Deputy Chief of Staff ([STACEY.McCLURE@MAIL.HOUSE.GOV](mailto:STACEY.McCLURE@MAIL.HOUSE.GOV)) Web site (with contact link):  
<http://www.boozman.house.gov/>
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  - Harrison office: 870-741-6900; 402 N. Walnut, Suite 210, Harrison 72601.
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