



The Twelfth Annual Virginia Festival of the Book March 22-26, 2006

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Current Affairs and Politics

Wednesday, March 22

Flags: America's Embattled Emblems

With Marc Leepson (*Flag: An American Biography*) and John Coski (*The Confederate Battle Flag: America's Most Embattled Emblem*).

4 p.m., City Council Chambers

Thursday, March 23

Can There Be Peace in the Middle East?

A conversation with Milton Viorst (*Storm from the East: The Struggle Between the Arab World and the Christian West*) and UVa professor William Quandt (*Peace Process: American Diplomacy and the Arab-Israeli Conflict Since 1967*).

2 p.m., McIntire Room, Central Library

Friday, March 24

Race in America

With Nick Kotz (*Judgment Days: Lyndon Baines Johnson, Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Laws That Changed America*) and Sheryll Cashin (*The Failures of Integration: How Race and Class Are Undermining the American Dream*).

10 a.m., McIntire Room, Central Library

On the Beat: Political Journalism

Longtime political journalist Jules Witcover presents his memoir, *The Making of an Ink-Stained Wretch*.

11 a.m., UVa Miller Center

At War, At Home: Books on the Military

Kristin Henderson (*While They're at War: The True Story of American Families on the Homefront*) and Linda Robinson (*Masters of Chaos: The Secret History of the Special Forces*).

4 p.m. Barnes & Noble

The Influence of Sandra Day O'Connor

Legal news commentator and reporter Joan Biskupic, discussing her new biography, *Sandra Day O'Connor: How the First Woman on the Supreme Court Became Its Most Influential Justice*.

6 p.m., UVa Darden School, Abbott Center Auditorium

Friday, March 24 (cont.)

Under the Microscope: Biology, Technology, and Society

With Ann Parson (*The Proteus Effect: Stem Cells and Their Promise for Medicine*), Madeline Drexler (*Secret Agents: The Menace of Emerging Infections*), Ronald Bailey (*Liberation Biology: The Scientific and Moral Case for the Biotech Revolution*).

6 p.m., UVa Bookstore

Independent Media in a Time of War: Amy Goodman

Host of "Democracy Now" and author of *The Exception to the Rule: Exposing Oily Politicians, War Profiteers, and the Media That Love Them*, Amy Goodman critiques the commercial news media and discusses independent media.

7 p.m., UVa McLeod Hall Auditorium

Women, Family and Work: A Candid Discussion

Barbara Ehrenreich (*Bait and Switch: The (Futile) Pursuit of the American Dream*), E.J. Graff (*Getting Even: Why Women Still Don't Get Paid Like Men, and What To Do About It*), Andrea Buchanan (*It's a Boy / It's a Girl*), and Miriam Peskowitz (*The Truth Behind the Mommy Wars*).

8 p.m., UVa Bookstore

Saturday, March 25

Journalism Then and Now

With Digby Diehl (*Soapsuds*), Stephen Farnsworth (*The Mediated Presidency: Television News and Presidential Governance*), Margo Jefferson (*On Michael Jackson*), and Victor Navasky (*A Matter of Opinion*).

2 p.m. City Council Chambers

Elias Khoury: A Reading and Conversation

Scholar Elias Khoury speaks about *Gate of the Sun* and his experiences as a former member of the Fatah (Palestinian National Liberation Movement) and current cultural climate in the Mideast.

2 p.m., UVa Bookstore

The New Yorker and The Economist: Hertzberg and Wooldridge

A discussion with two of America's top political commentators: Hendrik Hertzberg (The New Yorker) magazine and Adrian Wooldridge (The Economist).

4 p.m., UVa Campbell Hall, School of Architecture