OMNI CENTER--UPCOMING EVENTS, MEETINGS and CALENDAR

 Omni/C.A.T. Connections

**Omni C.A.T. Forum Schedule:**

Tuesdays, March 20 and 27, 6:00p.m. (“The Invisible Children” Forum – Three Fayetteville High School students discuss why they took on the School to Schools Project to help save the children of Uganda. The film “The Invisible Children” is aired as part of the forum. Produced by Moshe and Hamsa Newmark, this is a forum that you don’t want to miss).

Thursdays, March 22 and 29, 6:00p.m. (“The Invisible Children” Forum)

Saturday, March 24 and 31, 2:00p.m. (“The Invisible Children” Forum)

**Free Speech TV (FSTV) sponsored by Omni**

3:00a.m. – 9:00a.m. – This is where you’ll find in depth reporting and documentaries as well as lectures and speeches by, and interviews with, intelligent, insightful minds including Noam Chomsky, Robert McChesney, Dennis Kucinich, Helen Caldicott, Shirin Imbadi and Medea Benjamin.

**Democracy NOW with Amy Goodman:** Daily 7:00a.m., Sundays 6:00p.m. From Amy Goodman, we hear the news that will never be reported in the mainstream media.

**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, Jon Zimmer, Mendy Knott, Tom Kennedy

**Short Takes:** Taping at C.A.T.

**New 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 Omni Events appearing on C.A.T.:**

Thursday, March 22, 10:00p.m. - Omni Membership Meeting 2007

Friday, March 23, 2:00p.m. - Omni Membership Meeting 2007

---MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH---
--March 19 - Navratas begins - Observed in the Hindu Community
--March 20, 1852 - Harriet Beecher Stowe publishes Uncle Tom's Cabin.
--March 20, 2003 - United States and coalition forces attack the sovereign nation of Iraq.
--March 21 - International Earth Day
--March 21 - Vernal Equinox
--March 22, Omni Steering Committee Meeting, United Campus Ministries, 902 W. Maple, Fayetteville (5:30p.m.: Potluck, 6:00p.m. Business Meeting)
--March 22, 1972 - Congress sends Equal Rights Amendment to the states for ratification.
--March 24, 1974 - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. first publicly announces his strong opposition to the Vietnam War.
--March 24, 1980 - Archibishop of San Salvador Oscar Romero, outspoken critic of violence and injustice is assassinated.
--March 24, 1989 - The Exxon Valdez runs aground on Bligh Reef in Prince William Sound, Alaska causing the most environmentally damaging oil spill in history.
--March 25th, Sunday, 6:30p.m., Video Underground: Promises, United Campus Ministries, 902 W. Maple, Fayetteville - This Academy Award nominated documentary follows the filmmaker as he journeys to a Palestinian refugee camp and to an Israeli settlement in the West Bank, as well as to neighborhoods of Jerusalem where he meets seven Palestinian and Israeli children. Though the children live only 20 minutes apart, they exist in completely separate worlds; the physical, historical and emotional obstacles between them run deep. Promises explores the nature of these boundaries and tells the story of a few children who dared to cross the lines to meet their neighbors. Rather than focusing on political events, the seven children featured in Promises offer a refreshing, human and sometimes humorous portrait of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. 106 min.

Underground shows FREE political, social, and current event videos every second and fourth Sunday of the month at 6:30 pm. These movies are shown at the OMNI CENTER FOR PEACE, JUSTICE, AND ECOLOGY located at 902 W. Maple in Fayetteville, on the main floor of the Presbyterian and Disciples United Campus Ministry.

Visit us: http://www.northwest-ark.com/vu/
--March 27 - Ram Navmi - Observed in the Hindu Community
--March 29, 1973 - The last US Troops are removed from Vietnam
--March 30, Friday - April 10, Tuesday - Senate Easter/Passover recess
--March 30, Friday - April 16, Monday - House Easter/Passover recess
--March 31 - Cesar Chavez Day - California State Holiday
--March 31 - Mawlid al-Nabi (Muhammad's Birthday) - Observed in the Islamic Community
--April 1, Sunday, 7:00p.m., Omni Open MIC for Peace, Deep End of United Campus Ministries, 902 W. Maple, Fayetteville, AR - You are invited on the first Sunday of each month from September to May to share your poems and songs, or other poets' or songwriters' works about Peace, Social Justice or Ecology.
--April 2, Monday - Passover begins at sundown - Observed in the Jewish Community
--April 6 Friday - Good Friday - Observed in the Christian Community
--April 8 Sunday - Easter - Observed in the Christian Community
--April 15, Sunday 6:30p.m., HOWL(Her Words Out Loud), at Nightbird Books, 557 S. School, #103, Fayetteville. - HOWL: Women's Open Mic 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 Omni, supported Nightbird Books in Fayetteville, AR.

--April 21, Saturday, Springfest on Dickson Street, Fayetteville. Mark your calendar, Omni will once again have the Omni Folk Stage in the Walton Arts Center Rose Garden. This is the day for Omni's maximum public exposure. We are still looking for volunteers to help share our vision with our neighbors? For more information on how you can get involved, contact Jamie Ulick 442-0573 or jamesulick@aol.com

OTHER

ORGANIZATIONS---UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

--March 26, Monday -April 1, Sunday, Sacred Peace Walk - The Peace Walk will be from Las Vegas, Nevada to The Nevada Nuclear Test Site. On the final day, April 1st, we will gather at the gates of the Test Site with others who join us in a rally and action denouncing current nuclear plans and other warmaking preparations at the Test Site and propose alternatives for the land and industry. There will also be an optional action on Monday, April 2nd to reach out to the Test Site workers. The 2007 Sacred Peace Walk will have a special interfaith focus commemorating Sr. Rosemary Lynch’s 90th birthday, Mohammed’s birthday, Palm Sunday, April Fools Day, and early celebration of Passover, Buddha’s birthday, and the full moon. The US is developing and refurbishing more powerful nuclear warheads, while denouncing North Korea and Iran for wanting such weapons. www.NevadaDesertExperience.org (702-646-4814).

--March 28, Wednesday, 6:00 p.m., Women’s History Month Awards Banquet, Clarion Inn, 1255 S. Shiloh Dr., Fayetteville - The ninth annual Women’s History Month Dinner / Celebration will be held at 6 p.m. at the Fayetteville Clarion. Honorees are Phyllis Johnson, Cynthia Nance, Dorothy Sherwood and Berta Seitz. The event is sponsored by Altrusa International of Fayetteville, the local chapter of the American Association of University Women, Business and Professional Women, League of University Voters, The Washington County Democratic Women, The Washington County Republican Women, and the National Organization for Women. Tickets are $17 and will be available only through Friday. Checks for reservations may be made out to LWV-WC and mailed to Phyllis Berner, 16543 Ranchero Rd., Springdale, AR 72764, or bought from committee members. More information is available at (479) 751-6258.

--March 28, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Biodiversity of Ozark Waters, Eureka Springs Carnegie Public Library Meeting Room, 192 Spring St., Eureka Springs - A presentation sponsored by the Eureka Springs Carnegie Public Library and the Springs Committee of the Parks and Recreation Commission. The rivers, streams, springs, and lakes of the Ozarks support some of the rarest and most unusual creatures on the planet.

Dr. Andrea Radwell, a University of Arkansas aquatic biologist who resides in Eureka Springs, will present information on how biologists define biodiversity today and why interest in documenting biodiversity has steadily grown over the past two decades.

She will talk about the unique assemblages of life found in the freshwaters of North America, particularly those creatures that inhabit Ozark waters. For more information, call (479)253-8754 or visit info@EurekaLibrary.org

--March 31, Saturday, 2:00 p.m., Fayetteville Public Library - Fayetteville Freethinkers’ Monthly Meeting. A freethinker is someone who forms beliefs about religion and the supernatural through conscientious reflection and rational inquiry and not based upon authority or tradition. Freethinking is a method of arriving at conclusions, not a set of beliefs. Most freethinkers are agnostics, atheists, or
deists. Some freethinkers were George Washington, John Adams, Mark Twain, Albert Einstein, Thomas Paine, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Benjamin Franklin, James Madison. For more information, Contact www.fayfreethinkers.com

--April 5, Thursday, La Maison Des Tarts, 481 S. School, Fayetteville - ACLU Spring Banquet
6:00 PM cash bar (wine only), 7:00 PM Dinner. Nationally syndicated political columnist Gene Lyons will be guest speaker at the annual ACLU Spring Banquet. Lyons is the author of several books, has been an editor at Newsweek and Texas Monthly, and won the National Magazine Award for Public Service. He is well known for his keen observations of the national political scene, so we can expect an interesting and lively conversation.

Seating is limited to 75, so everyone must reserve in advance. If we reach seating capacity, we can only guarantee reservations that are paid in advance. Cost: $45.00 per person ($25.00 of which is tax deductible) $25.00 for students. Please make checks payable to “ACLU of Arkansas,” and mail them to Frank Head, 402 W. Ila, Fayetteville, AR 72701. Reservations may be made by calling 479-521-1508 or email at fhaed@aol.com. Tickets will not be mailed out, but there will be a roster of paid and reserved seats at the door. So make reservations in advance and give the number that will be in your party, even if you plan to pay at the door. Deadline for reservations is March 31.

If you cannot attend, please consider a (fully tax deductible) donation instead. This is the major fundraiser for the state organization. Donations should also be sent to Frank Head.

Board Elections:

The Northwest Arkansas Chapter of the ACLU of Arkansas nominating committee is pleased to announce the following candidates for the open positions on the chapter board: local attorney Ray Niblock; Henry Griffith of West Fork who has been a supporter of civil liberties since graduating from Central High in Little Rock in 1958. Treasurer Frank Head and Board Secretary Jake Lampkins are up for re-election. If you wish to nominate another candidate, please send the information about the candidate to Ann Heffernan, 2070 Winwood, Fayetteville, AR 72703 or email to heffernanann@aol.com. All candidates must be willing to solicit donations during the Major Gifts Campaign for the ACLU of Arkansas.

--April 9, Monday, 8a.m.-6p.m. and April 10, Tuesday, 8a.m. – 7:30p.m. - The Sexual Assault Recovery and Prevention Agency invites you to attend a Clothes Line Project for the survivors of sexual assault and in commemoration of April being Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Please come and see the many shirts with words by local survivors. The shirts will be displayed in Burns Hall at the Northwest Arkansas Community College in Bentonville. Contact: Jen Carlson, 927-1025, for questions.

--May 9-12, Thursday, Annual Community Access Television FAT CAT Awards (see below)

--May 16 - 17, 2007 Building a Culture of Peace Conference, Santa Fe, New Mexico - Please join The Peace Company at this exciting conference. Louise Diamond, author of The Peace Book:108 Simple Ways to Make a More Peaceful World is the design coordinator for this conference. Join plenary speakers, Arun Gandhi, and Nobel Laureates Rigoberta Menchu Tum, Jody Williams, and H.H. the Dalai Lama (by video) in a 2 day inquiry on How we can build a culture of peace in our society. For more information go to www.santafepeace.org.

WHAT'S GOING ON?---CURRENT EVENTS
CALL YOUR REPRESENTATIVE TODAY!!!

SB 959 was passed 20-7 by the senate and goes to the House Tuesday. This bill bans fostering or adopting children if you are cohabitating in an unmarried relationship or if you are a homosexual. If this bill passes many homosexual grandparents and other relatives will no longer be able to be the guardians of their grandchildren (nieces, nephews, etc) should something happen to the parents of the child. If SB 959 passes with its claim to protect children, many children may end up in the system rather than go to family members who love them, simple because the family member is gay or lesbian.

We urge you to ACT on MONDAY MORNING by calling your House Representative and asking them to OPPOSE SB 959.
Arkansas 3rd District Represenative: John Boozman
Washington DC Office  202-225-4301
Lowell Office Phone: (479) 725-0400
To locate your House Representative you may visit http://www.house.gov/zip/ZIP2Rep.html
Or call 1-501-682-6211

ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF RACHEL CORRIE

On March 16, 2003, 23-year-old college student and peace activist Rachel Corrie stood between an Israeli bulldozer and the destruction of the home of a Palestinian Physician and his family. She was run over by the bulldozer and died from her injuries. Her memory is honored by all who seek peaceful solutions to world conflicts.

ANNUAL COMMUNITY ACCESS TELEVISION FAT CAT AWARDS VIDEO FESTIVAL

Have you produced a show on C.A.T. that you thought was a winner? Have you watched a show that you think deserves recognition? Nominations for the Annual FAT CAT Awards are open.
All entries will be aired on Saturdays during April. Winners will be announced at the Fat Cat Awards on April 26, 2007.
To enter your program into the official judging process, please fill out this form completely and submit by Saturday, March 31, 2007 to: Community Access Television, 101 W. Rock Street, Fayetteville, AR 72701.

OMNI CENTER OPENS NOMINATIONS FOR 2007 PEACE AND JUSTICE HEROES AWARDS

The Omni Center for Peace, Justice and Ecology, located at United Campus Ministries, 902 W. Maple, Fayetteville, Arkansas is accepting nominations for the Fourth Annual Peace and Justice Heroes Awards.

What is a peace hero? You’ve heard of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Mahatma Gandhi. There are also ordinary citizens who are peace heroes. You know them, people or organizations who quietly go about meeting needs, serving the cause of justice, and striving to create a culture of peace for their neighborhoods and the world. These heroes inspire folks around them to explore new ideas and try new experiences. They meet real needs. They encourage new and more meaningful relationships with their neighbors and in the world. Sometimes they make headlines, usually, they don’t. The Omni Center wants to honor and celebrate individuals and organizations from around the state who contribute toward peace and justice.

To qualify, a nominee must be a resident of or be an organization in Arkansas, be able to attend the awards banquet on Saturday, June 9, 2007 in Fayetteville, be acknowledged by his/her/their community to be an example of having a commitment to, and working toward his/her/their cause. Members of the Omni Center steering committee are not eligible.
Do you know a peace hero? We’d like to include your hero on our list of nominees. For more information or to obtain a nomination form, contact Melanie Dietzel 479-442-8600 melaniedietzel@cox.net or Gladys Tiffany 479-973-9049 gladystiffany@yahoo.com or you can fill out a nomination form on our website at www.omnicenter.org

NEW CLASSES BEGIN AT ART EXPERIENCE

This spring brings a renewal of creative energy in the form of classes and group sessions at the Art Experience. For adults, Jo Ann Kaminsky is offering a "Mask of Change" group, where participants explore where they are and make masks to help bring forth the changes needed in their lives.

In another adult group Heroes and Villains, there will be an opportunity for class members to rewrite the story of their lives through the metaphor of a classic fairy tale that can be changed to make it their own in an inspiring playful creative atmosphere. Puppet and mask classes are available for children and adults, including hand puppets, masks, rod puppets, giant puppets, and sock puppets.

Not only will students explore the various ways to make puppets, but will learn how to make their puppets come alive. There will be opportunities to tell stories or find old favorites that will be remade into "Fractured Fairy Tales."

There will even be a chance to work on a giant puppet for First Night during summer puppet camp. The first class, The Hand Puppet Class begins on March 31. Call 479-442-0557 for a brochure.

On April 22, Fayetteville’s first annual "Puppets in the Park" event will take place at the field in Wilson Park from 2p.m. until 4p.m. Toucan Jam puppets will perform with Emily the Emu and also the Palace of Beaks, Mary Loats of Children’s Library fame will perform as well as some members of Animo performing the Hourglass Dress, and a puppet play by the Walnut Farm Montessori School in Bentonville. There will also be roving puppets and a chance for a hands-on puppet Experience. Marionettes, hand puppets, rod puppets, giant puppets and stilts will all be part of the celebration.

ANNUAL SELDEN RING AWARD FOR INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM

Selden Ring of Los Angeles believed in the power and importance of investigative journalism. Since 1989, USC Annenberg’s Selden Ring Award has celebrated the year's best in investigative journalism with a $35,000 annual prize. http://annenberg.usc.edu/seldenring

ACLU WEB SITE CONTAINS MUCH ON ARKANSAS LEGISLATURE

Fact sheets on bills are available as well as pending legislation, links to your legislators, and more. Visit their web site at www.acluarkansas.org

LINDA WILLIAMS - "CHILDREN OF TOMORROW"

The song by Linda Williams - "Children of Tomorrow", in the current edition of the Journal of Stellar Peacemaking, is a futuristic vision of obsolete war which you may find to be very useful this month in activities that respond to that continued inappropriate response to international conflict. Both the music and the lyrics can be found for your free use.

The Journal of Stellar Peacemaking (http://www.jsp.st) welcomes submissions for publication. Please visit its web site to see the newly uploaded edition of this noncommercial journal and consider it for publication of your important research in peace development.

OMNI SEEKS STORIES ABOUT PEACEMAKERS
Do you have a story about a peacemaker in Northwest Arkansas that you’d like to share? OMNI Center wants to publish your story. For more information visit www.omnicenter.org

OMNI'S 24TH BIBLIOGRAPHY OF BOOKS AND FILMS

Omni Center’s 24th Bibliography of Books and Films may be found in OMNI’s Web Site. Go to www.omnicenter.org and click on the Bibliography icon. These bibliographies together assure us a knowledge base for our nonviolent peace, justice, and ecology work. We have given thought to our actions. Go there for books on such subjects as activism, African women, Al Jazeera, animal protection. Entries are cross-referenced: Abu-Ghraib (Bush, Civil Liberties, Imperialism, Torture, War), Advertising (Information Control, Commercialism, Media), Afghanistan (Bush, Empire, Iraq, Terrorism), Affirmative Action (Civil Rights, Equity, Women).

ENDANGERED SPECIES COALITION ARKANSAS FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

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The Endangered Species Coalition is a national network of approximately 375 conservation organizations, scientific associations, religious organizations, hunting and fishing associations, businesses, community organizations, humane societies, student groups, and concerned citizens working to protect endangered species and habitat.

We believe we have a responsibility to protect wildlife, fish and plants that are on the brink of extinction. We owe it to our children and grandchildren to be good stewards of the environment and leave behind a legacy of protecting endangered species and the special places they call home.

The Endangered Species Coalition seeks a part time Arkansas field representative to implement activities to protect endangered species.

Job Description: The Field Representative is responsible for Endangered Species Coalition activities in Arkansas. The representative will educate the public about the importance of protecting the last remaining wildlife and wildplaces, mobilize the public to protect wildlife and habitat and implement local, regional and national campaigns to protect endangered species and habitat.

Responsibilities will include the following: Educate the public about the importance of protecting endangered species; Coordinate outreach events and educational presentations to community, organizations throughout the state; Lead local, regional and national campaigns to protect endangered species and habitat; Assist in campaign strategy and planning; Prepare state specific educational and outreach materials; Organize media events to highlight endangered species success stories; Work with a wide variety of people to become supporters of endangered species protection including scientists, sportsmen, landowners, business owners, religious leaders and community leaders; Recruit, train and mobilize volunteers for the Endangered Species Coalition; Recruit Endangered Species Coalition member organizations, with an emphasis on diversity; Assist in fundraising for the Endangered Species Coalition, including local foundations, corporations, organizations or individuals.

Qualifications: We are seeking a talented individual with experience with grassroots organizing, campaign planning and media relations. At least 2 years experience in grassroots organizing and volunteer management; Knowledge of environmental issues in Arkansas; Experience in campaign strategy and planning; Ability to be a team player and a leader in campaigns; Excellent analytical thinking, writing, and speaking skills; Diplomatic, professional, and ability to work independently and under pressure; Sense of humor.

The ESC Field Representative will report to the Field Director and work closely with the other members of the field team. The representative may work some evenings and weekends, for organizational meetings, outreach events, educational presentations or conferences.

How to Apply: Send a cover letter, resume, and references to smatsumoto@stopextinction.org. Sarah Matsumoto, Field Director
Endangered Species Coalition  
P.O. Box 5852  
Berkeley, CA 94705-0852  
Email strongly preferred.  
This is a part-time position. Salary to be determined plus benefits, travel stipend and other expenses. Position open until filled. Equal opportunity employer. The Endangered Species Coalition values diversity in the workplace.

OMNI MULLINS LIBRARY PEACE BOOK AND FILM COLLECTION

The endowed collection is composed of four subject areas: VICTIMS, NONVIOLENCE, INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING, WHISTLEBLOWING. Rationale: In a world in which the value of victory over others too often predominates—militarists, imperialists, dominionists, bigots—, these books and films foreground the value of caring for the victims of economic, military, and religious depredations.

Nonviolence is a chief value underlying the protection and rescue of the victims of the world. In the word "Satyagraha," the name Gandhi gave to a way of overcoming injustice, "satya" means the search for truth and "agraha" means persistence. Inseparable from Satyagraha is "Ahimsa"; that is, "a-himsa" (hims: desiring to kill): the effort to avoid killing until the desire to kill has been replaced by love for others and justice.

The "search for" and the "effort to" remind us of Gandhi's lifelong "experiments with truth." Investigative journalists and whistleblowers are two kinds of people who assist us in our search for truth. Working outside centers of power, these journalists are dedicated to the persistent exposure of corruption and discovery of truth, always the essential initial step toward justice.

Working inside governments and corporations, whistleblowers take great economic and even life-threatening risks to expose wrongdoing and return truth and honesty to ruling enterprises.

Thanks to Molly Boyd, Mullins has a news rotator item about the "Peace" collection. You can see it at http://libinfo.uark.edu/. You may have to click the reload button on your browser several times to get it to come up.

Or, you can view it directly through the feeds at http://libinfo.uark.edu/info/whatsnew.asp. Notice on that "What's New?" page, we have added a new link to "Collection News," which features the Omni Center Collection. You can access it directly on http://libinfo.uark.edu/info/collectionnews/collectionnewsfall06.asp.

CALL FOR PAPERS

From the Center for Human Rights and Civil Liberties to be presented at the second Annual Conference on Human Rights: Genocide in the 20th and 21st Centuries: Cases, Causes and Cures (Other topics also welcome on human rights or civil liberties) March 23-24, 2007, Liberal Arts Building on the Hattiesburg, Miss. campus of Southern Miss.

LOOK WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO -- HAPPENINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED

STOP THE WAR MARCH AND RALLY

Not one more death, not one more day, not one more dollar! was the action call for the Omni Center’s march and rally to commemorate the 4th Anniversary of the invasion of Iraq. Loud with chants, festooned with banners and placards the crowd made their way up Dickson and Block Streets to the Fayetteville Square. Speakers and musicians carried the message of Stop the War. The keynote
speaker was Judith Le Blanc, national co-chair of the United for Peace and Justice Coalition (UFPJ), which organized the march on Washington in January (turnout of 500,000+). She had recently returned from a trip to the Middle East to meet with Iraqi parliamentarians and just two weeks ago addressed the large anti-war rally in London, England. Other confirmed speakers were Adam Tenney, National Youth and Student Peace Coalition member of steering committee, who spoke primarily on military recruitment and the effects of war on youth, and Dr. Charles Robinson, University of Arkansas History Professor who once again spoke eloquently about what we as citizens of the United States must demand from our leaders. Music was provided by Jori Costello and Geoff and Leslie Oelsner and poets Doug Shields and Mendy Knott shared their thoughts. Immediately following the close of the formal program, Poet Mendy Knott hosted an open mic to allow rally attendees to read a poem, sing a song, or make a brief statement.

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THE COST OF WAR

American Military Deaths in Iraq
Total Since war began: 3218 In Combat 2619
Since 5/1/2003: 3079 In Combat: 2511
Total Wounded: Official 24042 Estimated 23000 – 100000

Iraqi Civilian Deaths Since War Began
Reported Minimum Reported Maximum
59287 65121
Wounded: Between 2003 and 2005 at least 42,500 civilians were reported wounded.

OMNI SEEKS A WORLD FREE OF WAR AND THE THREAT OF WAR, A SOCIETY WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL, A COMMUNITY WHERE EVERY PERSON’S POTENTIAL MAY BE FULFILLED, AN EARTH RESTORED. GRASSROOTS NONVIOLENCE, WORLD PEACE, HUMAN RIGHTS, SOCIAL and ECONOMIC JUSTICE, ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP PROTECTING SPECIES AND THE EARTH.

CONTACT YOUR CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES
    · Phone: (202) 224-4843 Fax: (202) 228-1371.
    · Fayetteville office: 251-1380
--Senator Mark Pryor: Web Site (see contact link): www.pryor.senate.gov;
    http://pryor.senate.gov/contact/
    · Phone: (202) 224-2353 Fax: (202) 228-0908
    · Main District Office: 500 Pres. Clinton Ave., Suite 401, Little Rock, AR 72201
Phone: (501) 324-6336  Fax: (501) 324-5320  

--Congressman John Boozman, District 3, 12 counties from Benton to Washington

- **Lowell office**: 479-725-0400. 213 W. Monroe, Suite K, 72745. Steve Gray, coordinator of office. Web site (with contact link): [http://www.boozman.house.gov/](http://www.boozman.house.gov/)  Heath Hasenbeck, intern (one of them). Boozman’s new office in Lowell is located at 213 West Monroe in Lowell between I 540 and Business 71. To reach that office take Exit 78 off I - 540 and go east. You will be on Hwy 264 which is also West Monroe. The office is in the Puppy Creek Plaza, past the McDonald’s on the right. His suite is in the back of the complex to the left.

- **Ft. Smith office**: 479-782-7787; 30 South 6th St. Rm 240, Ft. Smith 72901.

- **Harrison office**: 870-741-6900; 402 N. Walnut, Suite 210, Harrison 72601.