OMNI CENTER NEWSLETTER

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OMNI CENTER --- UPCOMING EVENTS, MEETINGS and CALENDAR

SPECIAL MESSAGES

OMNI FOLKS INDUCTED INTO PHI BETA KAPPA

We are proud to learn that two Omni activists will be inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society this semester. 2007-08 Omni UA president Olivia Meeks is an inductee. Kristen Blanch, member of Omni and Amnesty International, and a PeaceWorks fellow Kristen Blanch will also receive this prestigious honor. Congratulations, Olivia and Kristen; Your efforts and abilities speak for themselves.

Gladys Tiffany, president

OMNI MONTH IN REVIEW

Look for Moderator Claire Detels and a panel of guests on the air live Wednesday, April 29, 7:00 pm

OMNI CENTER CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

--Thursday, April 16, 5:30p.m. Potluck, 6:00p.m. - Omni Steering Committee Meeting, Deep End of United Campus Ministries, 902 W. Maple, Fayetteville, AR

--Sunday, April 26, 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

To see the schedule for the Video Underground film series, go to http://omni-vu-films.blogspot.com/

HOWL: Women’s Open Mic at Nightbird Books, Dickson St., (site of former Ozark Smokehouse, 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. 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,
THIRD OMNI VEGETARIAN POTLUCK IS WELL ATTENDED

There was a large, enthusiastic turnout, mainly young people. We enjoyed excellent food: cabbage and carrots, spinach salad, pasta salad, apple juice, and more. For dessert, we shared cookies, cake, and jam turnovers. Individuals discussed their recipes (vegetarian food does not have to be bland). We went around the room to hear why each person became, or is becoming, a vegetarian or vegan. The great variety of motives was very interesting. Amanda and Ryan Bancroft hosted while Dan and Laura Dean were away, with strong support from Kelly Mulholland. We look forward to working with the U of A Vegan organization. Join the Club, We meet at 6:00 pm on the second Wednesday of the month downstairs at United Campus Ministries. The next potluck is May 13.

Submitted by Dick Bennett

RETURN OF GREEN DRINKS

Hi Everyone!

After a winter break, Fayetteville's Green Drinks is back. We are going to kick off the summer season on Monday, April 20, at Smiling Jack's, 5:30 to 7:00 pm. For those that are new to our group, Green Drinks is an informal gathering for anyone who is interested in environmental and sustainability issues. Everyone is welcome, so please bring family and friends.

As our new mayor begins to guide our city into the future, we have a real opportunity to help create a city that values and promotes green living and green working. Please come share your thoughts with others in your community.

We hope to see you there!

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http://asc.uark.edu

MENDY KNOTT TO READ AT UA FOR POETRY MONTH

Tuesday, April 21, 7:00 pm, RZ's Coffee Shop – Arkansas Student Union

Mendy will be reading at the University of Arkansas, downstairs at RZ’s Coffee Shop in the Arkansas Student Union on Tuesday April 21 at 7 pm. Poet Doug Shields will be reading on Tuesday April 7. Please attend these events if you can. Showing support for your local poets is one way to increase recognition for hard-working artists right here at home. Come on out to both of these events if you can and let the University know we want to see and hear Fayetteville artists on their venue.

PUBLIC INVITATION TO SPECIAL CONVENTION SPEAKERS FROM LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ARKANSAS

April 25, 2009, 10:00 am and 2:00 pm
Fayetteville Public Library, Walker Room

The League of Women Voters of Arkansas is gathering in Fayetteville April 25 at the Fayetteville Public Library to hold their 29th state convention. In recognition of Earth Day, the public is invited to attend the following guest speakers' presentations:

10:15 to 11:30 a.m.: “Everything is Connected: Water Quality in Arkansas and Poverty in Africa” by Dr. Marty Matlock, Associate Professor of Ecological Engineering in the Biological and Ecological Engineering Department at the
University of Arkansas. Dr. Matlock is deeply involved in sustainability and the impact of humans on ecosystems, especially water. In working toward ecosystem restoration design and management he serves as an advisor for five national organizations and provides technical support for USDA FAS in the Mid-East Peace Process.

2:00 to 3:15 p.m.: “What You Need to Know About Natural Gas Production and Delivery?” by Dr. Theo Colborn, who has written and lectured widely on the human health and environmental threats posed by endocrine disruptors and other industrially-produced chemicals at low concentrations in the environment. Dr. Colborn founded a scientific non-profit organization which reports environmental policy development and analysis, environmental advocacy, medical ethics, philosophy and children’s environmental health. As a Colorado resident, she has studied the impact of natural gas development and is nationally recognized for warning the public of related health risks.

There are no charges. For further information, contact Joyce Hale, 527-2777.

VIETNAM VETERAN AND PROFESSOR OF PEACE STUDIES TO SPEAK

Monday, April 27, 2009, 6:00 p.m.

Nightbird Books, Dickson Street (Former site of Ozark Smokehouse), Fayetteville

Moderator: Bill Williams

Dud Hendrick, Vietnam Veteran and Professor of Peace Studies at the University of Maine, will speak on the magnitude and consequences of the U.S. military empire.

Hendrick, from Deer Isle, Maine, is President of the founding chapter of Veterans for Peace. His talk, “Sorrows of Empire” (borrowed from the author Chalmers Johnson*) will address, in particular, the displacement of indigenous peoples to make way for U.S. military installations abroad. He is a Naval Academy graduate and a founding member of Service Academy Graduates Against the War. In 1998, he returned to Vietnam on a healing bicycle ride from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City with other veterans from both sides of that war. He credits this transformative experience with having enabled him to appreciate the “humanity in the other.” His work is dedicated to the friendships he made on that occasion and to amplifying the voices of the victims of the U.S. military empire.

Hendrick is in Arkansas to meet and speak with Marshall Island people whose culture, economy, and health were impacted by atomic bomb testing in the Pacific. His focus has been on the Marshallese, as well as the people of Thule, Greenland and of Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean. In June and July, 2008, he had the opportunity to witness trial proceedings at the House of Lords in London when the demand for return and restitution for the Chagos of Diego Garcia was being considered. In September, he lived among and interviewed the Inughuits who had been displaced to make way for Thule Air Base, where he had been assigned as a young U.S. Air Force officer. The talk will be followed by video of some of these conversations.

FASHION SHOW TO BENEFIT CHILDREN’S HOUSE OF NWA

Thursday April 30, 2009, 7:00pm - 10:00pm

Ultra Studios

118 W. South St.

Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701

100% of the proceeds will benefit Children’s House of NWA. Runway fashion show will be held at Ultra Studios and will introduce designer Brooke Benham’s two new collections! These lines are inspired by her Native American heritage. Native American dancers will start the show followed by a runway show, a silent auction, hors d’oeuvres, and a cash bar. Visit www.ultrastudios.org for ticket information and look for Ultra Studios on Facebook.

Ticket Price: $50

OPENINGS FOR JUNE AAS HALBERG ECOLOGY CAMP

A great opportunity for 11 and 12-year old youth

From Barry Haas

It’s that time of year again when we are actively recruiting 11- and 12-year old boys and girls for the two June sessions of the Arkansas Audubon Society Halberg Ecology Camp. The 1st session will begin Sunday June 14 and end on Friday June 19. The 2nd session will begin on Sunday June 21 and end on Friday June 26. Students may choose which
of the two separate sessions suit their schedules best.

This is the 30th year for this superb, hands-on Ecology Camp. We have capacity for a total of 48 new students each session, and some of those available spaces have already been filled. If you know of one or more youth that age who are interested in the natural sciences- ornithology, herpetology, mammalogy, aquatic biology, entomology, geology and botany- please make sure their families are aware of this terrific educational opportunity.

The staff consists of 16 instructors, most of whom teach in pairs (for example, two ornithology instructors with a class of about 10 students), co-directors to oversee and coordinate camp activities, an activities director, a full-time registered nurse and an excellent kitchen staff that serves meals that are both tasty and nourishing. The instructors are mostly high school science teachers and college professors. Can you imagine having the opportunity as an 11- or 12-year old of getting to work with college professors and high school science teachers?

For more information, visit the Arkansas Audubon Society web site:
http://www.arbirds.org/halberg_ecology_camp.html

REQUEST FROM DEATH PENALTY INMATES ADVOCATE BETSY WRIGHT

I need financial help for some of the activities I have with death row inmates. All of us are struggling these days but I am hoping that some of you can help me.

A good number of the guys have privileges that allow them to do art work and this is a superb way to be productive each day. For some of them, I am the only means of getting art supplies. Additionally, reading is an important activity for some of the guys. I have lots of donated books, but I must pay for the shipping done by a used book store.

Twice a year, in the early summer and just before Christmas, there is a gift food sack program that the prison system has worked out with one of the commissary vendors. It is an opportunity for each inmate to receive $108 worth of food for snacks or substitute meals. This has become enormously important to the guys, even if the products are over-priced in order to provide a 10% profit to the prison system. I used to buy these sacks for most of the guys, but when I was unable to continue that, most found other sources to buy their sacks. There are now only about ten death row inmates who have no one to buy a sack for them, and I would like to make sure each one receives food in the early summer program. I would be delighted to give you credit for providing all or part of a sack to one of the guys.

I would be very grateful for any help you can give me to continue these activities for the men on death row in Arkansas.

Betsey Wright <betseywright@cox.net>

OURTOWN YOUTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE REGISTRATION OPEN

Deadline for registering in May 31

The OurTown Youth Leadership Institute is a unique FREE residential program for youth entering 10-12 grades in high school. OurTown is held July 12-18, 2009 at Subiaco Academy. The program prepares youth to be effective leaders and change agents who are dedicated to fighting bias, bigotry, racism and other isms.

Youth will participate in experiential learning activities and dialogue sessions designed to increase their understanding of human relations issues and of their own responsibility to create a community based on inclusion, trust, and mutual respect.

Jeff Patrick, Human EQ youth ed director

OMNI'S PEACE, JUSTICE, AND ECOLOGY BIBLIOGRAPHY #33 IS NOW AVAILABLE.

Visit WWW.OMNICENTER.ORG

Academic Freedom, Activism, Animal Protection, Bible, Bush....Nonviolence, Obama, Peace, Poetry Against War, Population (Contraception), Poverty....
HOST AN INTERNATIONAL SCHOLAR

Spring International Language Center at the University of Arkansas is seeking friendly people to host international students from a variety of countries and backgrounds. If you have an interest in other countries and cultures, then hosting could be an inspiring and rewarding experience for you. For more information, visit http://www.uark.edu/depts/silc/ark/spring.html

FARM TO TABLE - A SUSTAINABLE FOOD CELEBRATION
SPONSORED BY THE OMNI CENTER FOR PEACE JUSTICE AND ECOLOGY
AT DICKSON STREET SPRINGFEST, FAYETTEVILLE, AR

When: Saturday, May 2, Noon-6pm
Where: Walton Arts Center Rose Garden
       Corner of School Avenue and Dickson Street
Live music
Kids' Activity Tent
Garden Supplies
How-to Gardening
Chicken Raising
Contact: Laura Kelly, 521-4619
Plug into your Local Food Scene!

APPLE SEEDS, INC. IS SEEKING A PERSON TO FILL A NEW POSITION:
APPLES IN THE CLASSROOM (AIC) COORDINATOR.

This person will facilitate the development and implementation of a pilot program that is teaching students at Leverett Elementary School in Fayetteville, AR to make healthy food choices through the integration of educational activities into the school’s curriculum. This is a Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) position funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service.

For a full description of the position, responsibilities, compensation and application instructions, please email Keith Richards, Apple Seeds Board Chair at: k.richards@att.net. Application deadline is May 1. Start date is June 1, 2009.

PAUL GLOVER, FOUNDER OF ITHACA HOURS TO VISIT FAYETTEVILLE MAY 8-9

Save the date!

SPONSORED BY OMNI CENTER LOOKING TOWARD OZARK HOURS

Paul Glover will be in Fayetteville visiting local businesses, the farmer’s market and local government and banks to assist us in understanding how to develop a system that will work for us.

Location(s) still TBD.

“Corporate media have hardly noticed, but the United States economy is being rebuilt by thousands of creative grassroots initiatives, at the same time that U.S. industrial jobs are being lost to globalization. Even as poverty increases, thousands of practical programs are proving people can rebuild damaged local economies from the ground up, making them better than before. Thousands of jobs are being invented by citizens dedicated to ecology and social justice. How? They are creating wealth locally, and producing what they need.”

— Paul Glover

Paul Glover is the founder of Ithaca HOURS local currency, the Ithaca Health Alliance, Citizen Planners of Los Angeles, and author of several books and urban histories. Glover has degrees in Marketing and in City Management. After 35 years of community organizing on behalf of grassroots economic development and ecological repair, Paul started a consultancy called GreenPlanners, which helps communities prepare a secure and abundant future while
fuel and food costs rise. An alternative to dependence on monopoly control of food, fuel, housing, finances, jobs, information and goods, hours are backed by real capital: our time, creativity, muscles, tools, and natural resources.

NEWS FROM OMNI UA

Omni UA meets EVERY Wednesday at 5:30pm, in room 512/513 of the Union. We are now in full force and swing, if you came to the first couple of meetings and were bored, then think twice about missing the next one, because we have been ACTIVATED.

OMNI'S UA MULLINS LIBRARY
NONVIOLENT PEACEMAKING AND VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE AND WARS COLLECTION

This collection now contains over 300 books and films. It is designed to raise awareness and inspire research about nonviolence, victims, and also whistleblowers and investigative reporters. Browse the list by searching the subject Nonviolent Peacemaking and Victims in InfoLinks, the Libraries' online catalog.

Submitted by Dick Bennett

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 or email wrl@warresisters.org, or 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.

WHAT'S GOING ON?—NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY

NEW ITEMS IN GREEN

VOLUNTEERS FOR PEACE: INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE
Over 3000 projects in over 100 countries including the U.S.

vfp@vfp.org, www.vfp.org

NATIONAL COUNTER-RECRUITMENT & DEMILITARIZATION CONFERENCE
JULY 17-19, CHICAGO, IL
Hosted by National Network Opposing the Militarization of Youth

www.nnomy.org

OPEN REGISTRATION FOR AMERICA'S FUTURE NOW!
From June 1-3 at America’s Future Now! join us as we celebrate the early accomplishments in the first 100 days of the Obama Era, and plan for mobilizing a grassroots majority for dramatic progressive change that will shape America’s future. President Barack Obama has ushered in an era of great potential, but it will take our progressive movement to win the battles ahead: Rebuild the economy and create jobs. Provide health care for all. Invest in new energy and new industry. Empower workers for fair wages. Normalize immigration and guarantee human rights. Fix the banking system. Click here to secure your spot at America’s Future Now!

Barack Obama spoke powerfully at our Take Back America conferences in 2006 and 2007, as he was building an unprecedented citizen campaign for change. And in 2008, he was elected president, running on a progressive agenda. Now, progressives are in a new era, with a new mission. We’ve gone from "Take Back America" to shape America’s Future Now!

We stand on the precipice of history, the potential of transformative change. But only if we seize it.

That’s what we’ll do from June 1 to 3 at America’s Future Now! Click here to join us. We can only make history together.

RIDENHOUR PRIZES FOR COURAGE AND TRUTH AWARDED

- THOMAS TAMM, Truth-telling Whistleblower: Department of Justice lawyer who exposed Bush administration’s illegal domestic surveillance, warrantless wiretapping program
- JANE MAYER, author of The Dark Side, BOOK PRIZE.
- BOB HERBERT, columnist for The New York Times, COURAGE PRIZE,
- NICK TURSE, author of A My Lai a Month, SPECIAL REPORTORIAL DISTINCTION PRIZE.

These awards memorialize the spirit of fearless truth-telling that one-time whistleblower and lifetime investigative journalist Ron Ridenhour reflected throughout his extraordinary life and career. www.ridenhour.org

COUNTER-RECRUITING NEWS: INAPPROPRIATE TO RECRUIT KIDS FOR THE MILITARY

Amy Goodman, Democracy Now (4-14) reported on the new ballot initiatives by Eureka and Arcata, California, forbidding military recruiting of youth under 18 inside their city limits.

Bush’s Justice Department sued the cities to invalidate the resolutions under the Supremacy Clause of the Constitution. The cities are countering with the Bill of Rights, the 19 Amendment (privacy), and the international treaty Protocol on Rights of Children that forbids recruiting children for wars. The Pentagon has violated the treaty and the US Constitution, the cities argue.

STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN, and READ: MEDIA

TWO NEW BOOKS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS PRESS

A little known aspect of the Little Rock School Crisis is explored in Sondra Gordy’s Finding the Lost Year: What Happened When Little Rock Closed Its Public Schools Closed Its Public Schools, while the tragic history of civil rights in the south is retold in Jim Crow America: A Documentary History by Catherine Lewis and J. Richard Lewis.

THE FOLLOWING LINK IS FOR END THE FED,

A grassroots organization committed to the repeal of the federal reserve act and putting the issue of our currency in the hands of the treasury. They are organizing nationwide demonstrations for April 25

http://www.endthefed.us/

CINDY SHEEHAN’S SOAPBOX!

When: Sunday; 2-3 (PM)
Where: 960am In the SF Bay Area or www.Green960.com
Listen for some provocative conversation and a few surprises!
Don’t forget to submit your Soapbox rants to
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or Ask Cindy questions to:
Cindy@CindySheehansSoapbox.com

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Submitted by Dick Bennett

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

LOCAL CONNECTIONS

A BLOG ON ORGANIZING FOR AMERICA
THAT WILL DESCRIBE OMNI-NWACC’S ACTIVITIES:
http://my.barackobama.com/page/community/blog/EdreneMcKay/

AN ONLINE JOBS! WEB SITE, SET UP BY BILL WILLIAMS
FOR JOB SEEKERS AND EMPLOYERS:
http://jobs.bubbaplanet.com

Email your Public Service Announcements 2 weeks in advance to KUAF radio’s Pete Hartman at phartma@yark.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
From Leigh Wilkerson - Larrapin Garden blog at http://larrapin.blogspot.com
From Mendy Knott - For new writing exercises and more, check Mendy’s Blog at:
www.arkansasscribbler.blogspot.com

OMNI/COMMUNITY ACCESS TELEVISION (C.A.T.) CONNECTIONS
www.catfayetteville.com

OMNI Month In Review:
Omni Month in Review with Moderator Claire Detels will air live on Wednesday, April 29 at 7:00 pm. The show will be repeated at 1:00 pm on Sunday, May 3.

Democracy NOW! Schedule:
Monday - Friday
Tuesdays 4/21 4/28 6:00p.m. Democracy NOW!
Thursdays 4/23 4/30 6:00p.m. Democracy NOW!
Friday 4/24 5/1 6:00p.m. Democracy NOW!
Saturday 4/25 5/2 3:00a.m. Democracy NOW!
Sunday 4/26 5/3 6:00p.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.freespeechtv.com Omni Center is pleased to provide FSTV to our local Community Access Television Due to the problems we had during our ‘08 Fall Drive with time-shifting Democracy Now! repeats, we are reversing that decision - For the ‘09 pledge drives, The regular Democracy Now! live program at 8a ET, as well as the 59 minute (repeats of DN! will not contain fundraising appeals.)

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

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

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., and 11:00p.m.

Omni News and Current Events featured on Short Takes:
Presented by Cliff Hughes, Dick Bennett
CASUALTIES IN IRAQ

The Human Cost of Occupation
Edited by Margaret Griffis :: Contact

American Military Casualties in Iraq

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Latest Fatality Apr. 16, 2009
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IRAQI CIVILIAN BODY COUNT

Civilians reported killed by military intervention in Iraq

MIN. 91,466 - MAX. 99,861

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

$847,000,000,000 and counting

Source of Cost of War: http://nationalpriorities.org
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  - 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
    Phone: (501) 324-6336 Fax: (501) 324-5320
    (Lou Keller, Field Representative, The River Market, 500 Clinton Ave., Suite 401, LR 72201. 501-324-6336; toll free: 877-259-9602; Lou_Keller@pryor.senate.gov; http://pryor.senate.gov)

- Congressman John Boozman, District 3, 12 counties from Benton to Washington
  Lowell office: 479-725-0400. Fax: 479-725-0408, 213 W. Monroe, Suite K, 72745. Stacy McLure, Deputy Chief of Staff (STACEY.McCLURE@MAIL.HOUSE.GOV) Web site (with contact link): http://www.boozman.house.gov/ 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.
  Harrison office: 870-741-6900; 402 N. Walnut, Suite 210, Harrison 72601.
  DC address: 1708 Longworth House Office Bldng., Washington, DC 20515; 202-225-4301.

MILESTONES

April 20 - Ludlow Massacre: 13 children and 7 adults killed when Colorado National Guard burns striking miners' camp (1914)
Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold kill 12 fellow students and a teacher at Columbine High School in Colorado before killing themselves (1999)
April 21 - Police fire on striking miners in Butte, Montana (1921)
U.S. Air Force begins flying French reinforcements to Indochina (1954)
April 22 - First slave revolt in an American settlement (1526)
First Earth Day (1970)
April 23 - Students sit in at Columbia University in New York City to protest the Vietnam War (1968)
April 24 - 500,000 demonstrate in Washington, D.C. against the Vietnam War (1971)
Abortive hostage rescue mission in Iran leaves eight U.S. servicemen dead (1980)
April 25 - Coxey’s Army of unemployed marches on Washington demanding jobs. (1894)
United States declares war on Spain (1898)
One and one half million gather in Washington, D.C. in support of women’s reproductive rights
April 26 - U.S. Government takes over Chicago headquarters of Montgomery Ward & Co. after it defies National Labor Relations Board. (1944)
Chernobyl nuclear reactor disaster occurs (1986)
April 27 - Boston carpenters strike for ten-hour day (1825)
Vermont Governor Howard Dean signs bill granting lesbian and gay couples civil-union status (2000)
April 28 - U.S. Marines land in Dominican Republic to support military junta (1965)
5,000 protest, 284 arrested at Rocky Flats nuclear-weapons facility, Colorado (1979)
April 29 - President Nixon announces invasion of Cambodia (1970)
North Vietnamese troops enter Saigon (1975)
Cops acquitted of beating Rodney King, leading to L.A. riots. (1992)
April 30 - Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom founded (1915)
U.S. troops liberate concentration camp at Dachau (1945)
May: Asian Pacific-American Heritage Month, Older Americans Month
May 1 - International Labor Day
Mary Harris “Mother” Jones born (1830)
American U-2 plane shot down over Soviet Union (1960)
May 2 - U. Troops intervention in Nicaragua (1896)
Supreme Court upholds involuntary sterilization of mentally retard persons (1924)
Poor People’s Campaign march in Washington, D.C. (1968)
May 3 - World Press Freedom Day
12,000 arrested in protest against Vietnam War, Washington, D.C. (1971)
100,000 protest U.S. intervention in El Salvador (1981)