

WAR DEAD

Since the U.S. invasion of Iraq began on March 20, 2003

(last week's numbers in parentheses):

- **3,894 U.S. troops killed*** (3,887)
- **28,661 U.S. troops injured*** (28,451)
- **132 U.S. military suicides*** (130)
- **307 coalition troops killed**** (306)
- **933 contractors killed** (accurate updates NA)
- **85,711 to one million Iraqi civilians killed***** (85,072)
- **\$477.8 billion cost of war** (\$475.9 billion)
- **\$135.3 million cost to Eugene taxpayers** (\$135.3 million)

* through Dec. 17, 2007; source: icasualties.org; some figures only updated monthly

** estimate; source: icasualties.org

*** highest estimate; source: iraqbodycount.org; based on confirmed media reports; other groups calculate civilian deaths as high as 655,000 to one million

and misdemeanors under our Constitution," says Judiciary Committee member ?Robert Wexler (D-Fla.) in an op-ed sent to newspapers across the nation. "The charges against Vice President Cheney relate to his deceptive actions leading up to the Iraq War, the revelation of the identity of a covert agent for political retaliation, and the illegal wiretapping of American citizens.???"

Wexler is gathering supporters at his website WexlerWantsHearings.com and has gathered nearly 90,000 names so far to pass on to Congress.

"Even if the hearings do not lead to removal from office, putting these grievous abuses on the

record is important for the sake of history," Wexler writes. "For an administration that has consistently skirted the Constitution and asserted that it is above the law, it is imperative for Congress to make clear that we do not accept this dangerous precedent. Our Founding Fathers provided Congress the power of impeachment for just this reason, and we must now at least consider using it.???"

EARLY DEADLINES

The holiday season means our offices will

be closed Tuesday, Dec. 25 and Tuesday, Jan. 1. Early deadlines for reserving display ads will be 5 pm Thursday, Dec. 21 and 5 pm Thursday, Dec. 28. For more information, call 484-0519.

CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In Slant last week, we said a "small but hardy group of adventurers" showed up for a planned hike into the Devil's Staircase Dec. 2. But this week we heard from one of those who made the trip that the group numbered 30 to 40 people. Group leader James Johnston counted 30, including himself. We still think they were hardy.

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