Several thousand anti-war demonstrators began a march

through Hollywood early Saturday afternoon, singing and

hoisting anti-war signs to protest U.S. involvement in raq.

College students joined with gray-haired activists to chant

"Stop the War" as the march started shortly before 1 p.m. at

Hollywood Boulevard and Vine Street. Police estimated that

The march, marking the fourth anniversary of the U.S.-led

End Racism Coalition. It coincided with a similar march at

that causes emotions and anger," said Ian Thompson, the

Robin Dominguez, 50, of Los Angeles, a volunteer with

Veterans for Peace, kept watch over 40 imitation coffins

draped with United States flags that marchers planned to

carry along the parade route. She strongly opposes the war,

"My heart hurts. It's crying. Every day, I feel like it's never

she said she feels more hopeful than she did a year ago.

Christopher Armen, 51, a Los Angeles native, said he was

heartened by the protest. He had two imitation caskets that

to represent those killed in the war. "It's the visual that hits

The protest — displaying a mix of straw hats, flags, dogs,

signs and strollers — gave him hope, he said. "We were in

Emery Martin, 22, a graduate student at New York University

on his spring break, wore shorts, a T-shirt and a large black

Martin, whose uncle served with the U.S. Army in Panama

and the two Iraq wars, bucked family tradition to take a stand

the minority and now we are in the majority," he said.

hood, an imitation of the those worn by Iraqi prisoners.

against the conflict that he sees as morally wrong.

"A lot of young people are apathetic, which perpetuates

and the California Institute of the Arts. "When you are

apathetic, you actually become part of the problem."

what's going on and indirectly helps the government further

their agenda," Martin said as he walked beneath the marquee

of the Pantages Theater with a group of students from UCLA

he and several friends intended to carry on the 1.2-mile route

going to end," she said. But along with some other marchers,

the Pentagon and more than 200 other cities nationwide.



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4,000 march in Hollywood to protest war

she said.

about 4,000 marchers took part.

coalition's L.A. organization coordinator.

people in their guts," Armen said.

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Some onlookers disagreed with the marchers' sentiments.

Dan Conkey, 58, a tourist from Columbus, Ohio, who calls himself a big supporter of President Bush, said he believes

U.S. troops should leave Iraq "when the job is done."

The protesters have no solution to ending the war, he said. "How do they leave those people, and leave them to the insurgents?"

Even so, he found the march entertaining. "It's pretty typical Hollywood and Vine."

Thompson, the coalition's L.A. coordinator, said he expected many participants to be people who hadn't marched before, a reflection of the increase in public sentiment against the war.

Despite in the Republicans' loss of control of Congress in November, Thompson said, Democratic leaders have not responded to the antiwar sentiment.

"They are not pulling the troops out immediately. They're not de-funding the war, and I think people are fed up with that," he said.

"It's time for an independent voice that isn't tailing either of these two parties in Congress but is speaking for the majority of people in this country."

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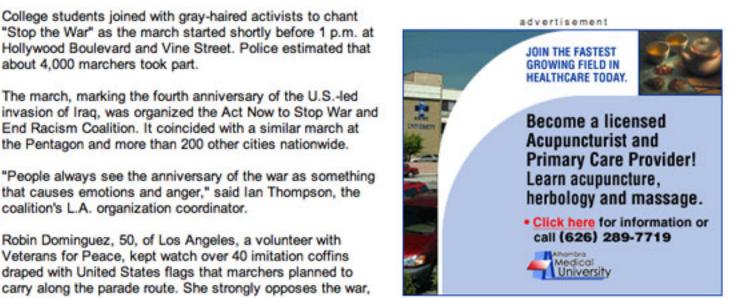
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