Tell Your Senators: Vote No Confidence in Gonzales Monday! Important Vote on Gonzales Monday - Call, Fax or email your legislators today Monday June 11. (See legislators contact information at end of newsletter).

President Bush may be the only one with any confidence that Alberto Gonzales can still perform the job of Attorney General. On Monday, will your senators vote with Bush -- or vote their conscience?

It’s hard to imagine how anyone can still have any confidence in this Attorney General’s ability to do his job. His credibility is in tatters, his memory is apparently shot too, and at least six Republican senators have publicly called for his resignation.

There’s ample reason for Gonzales’ resignation or impeachment. We could start with his egregiously partisan behavior in the US Attorneys scandal, and then his lies under oath regarding the matter. Or, we could go with his blatant politicization of the Justice Department’s Civil Rights Division, or his FBI’s widespread abuse of PATRIOT act powers to spy on ordinary Americans.

Tell your Senators to vote "no confidence" in Gonzales on Monday.

For all these reasons, the Senate needs to send a strong and unambiguous message to Gonzales that he cannot ignore. Regrettably, despite Gonzales’ conduct, the vote of no confidence faces a tough battle in the Senate.

Senator Schumer said it best yesterday: "If all senators who have actually lost confidence in Attorney General Gonzales voted their conscience, this vote would be unanimous. However, the President will certainly exert pressure to support the Attorney General, his longtime friend. We will soon see where people’s loyalties lie."

Ask your senators to vote "no confidence" in Gonzales on Monday.

Please share this message with all your friends who want to see honesty, integrity and impartiality returned to the Justice Department and the office of Attorney General.

Thank you for working to build a better world.

Will Easton, Manager
ActForChange.com/Working Assets
SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENT
--June 16, Saturday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., 2007 Omni’s Peace Gardens Tour-- OMNI Center for Peace, Justice, and Ecology announces its Annual Peace Gardens Tour. This year seven gardens are featured at the homes of Ed Laningham, Emily Kaitz, Candy Clark and Teddy Cardwell, Ginger and Gary Belew, Hamsa and Moshe Newmark, Nancy Maier, and Dick Bennett. Watch for our posters and flyers and other advertising for directions. In addition to the beautiful flowers, shrubs, and trees, each gardener will offer a special additional feature, such as food, music, drink, sculpture, or design. Enjoy the day with us. Tickets for the tour can be purchased in advance by sending your check for $10 to OMNI, 2582 Jimmie Ave, Fayetteville, AR 72701, at OMNI’s Farmer’s Market table in Fayetteville Saturday morning, or at any of the gardens on the day of the event. Omni Garden Tour 2007 ticket holders will receive a free copy of Feeding Your Friends: Gardening With Nature by poet and gardener Leigh Wilkerson. This booklet will debut the day of the tour and feature basic tips for gardening with nature in mind. Additional copies will be available for $5 each with all proceeds benefiting OMNI. Connecting with nature as garden and habitat helps us to discover ourselves in relation to the abundant life and beauty of our locality, and to define the kind of society we wish to inhabit.

Omni/Community Access Television (C.A.T.) Connections

Omni C.A.T. Forum Schedule:
- Tuesdays, 6/12 and 6/19 6:00 p.m.
- Thursdays, 6/14 and 6/28 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, 6/16 2:00 p.m.

Free Speech TV (FSTV) sponsored by Omni - 3:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. – FSTV: the world’s largest collection of alternative TV and numerous ideas for organizing, protesting, celebrating, researching, investigating, speaking, raising hell. www.freespeechtv.com.

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

In his first book, “Confessions of an Economic Hit Man”, John Perkins told the story of his work as a highly paid consultant hired to strong-arm leaders into creating policy favorable to the U.S. government and corporations -- what he calls the “corporatocracy.” Perkins says he helped the U.S. cheat poor countries around the globe out of trillions of dollars by lending them more money than they could possibly repay and then taking over their economies. John Perkins has just come out with a new book. It’s called “The Secret History of the American Empire: Economic Hit Men, Jackals, and the Truth about Global Corruption.” On Tuesday, June 5, Amy Goodman held an indepth interview with Mr. Perkins.

In addition to her one to three features like the above, every morning she surveys events not found in our newspapers.

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 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.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 6:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m Mondays, and on Tuesdays from 12 noon - 1:30 p.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:** 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m.

**Omni News and Current Events featured on Short Takes:**

Presented by Cliff Hughes, Dick Bennett

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**June 24, Sunday, 7:30 p.m., Video Underground – WALKOUT**—From the producer of *Selena* and directed by award-winning actor Edward James Olmos comes the stirring true story of courage and justice. The year is 1968, the height of the national civil-rights movement. Paula Crisostomo (Alexa Vega, Spy Kids) is an idealistic honor student who refuses to "play it safe" in a school system that discriminates against Mexican-Americans. Together with thousands of supporters, she coordinates a multi-school walkout of students to protest academic prejudices.

**Video Underground** shows FREE political, social, and current event videos every second and fourth Sunday of the month at 7:30 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.


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**June 12, Tuesday, 6:00 p.m., Presbyterian and Desciples Student Center (UCM), 902 W. Maple (corner of Storer and Maple)**—Mr. Jefferson Fletcher will give a lecture on the Impact of the Separation Barrier in the West Bank. He will be accompanied by a Fulbright Exchange student at the University of Arkansas from Gaza.

**OMNI’s policy regarding events pertaining to the Palestinian Territories and Israel:** OMNI facilitates all who request by providing a venue and a projector and screen. Mr. Fletcher is doing everything else, including publicity. Because our desire is to increase knowledge and dialog, we invite people with diverse attitudes to attend these events, to listen respectfully, to assume the goodwill and dignity of the speakers, and to ask questions instead of making speeches, since we are there to learn from another person’s perspective.

For more information contact Dick Bennett 442-4600, or Gladys Tiffany 973-9049 or Melanie Dietzel, 442-8600 OMNI’s co-presidents.

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**June 16, Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Omni Center’s Peace Gardens Tour** (see details above)
OTHER ORGANIZATIONS---UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

--June 11, Monday and June 18, Monday, 6:30-8:30 p.m. or June 28, Thursday, 1-5 p.m., 
What is Mine to Do? - Clarify and claim the truth of your unique self, relate this truth to your 
highest purpose, your mission, create your own mission statement. This workshop assists you to 
discover your own particular “calling.” Listening to the truths and values that are at the heart of 
your own identity, you can, with deeper confidence, satisfy needs of individuality, authenticity, 
purpose/meaning, and effectiveness. The facilitator for this workshop is Pattie Williams, M. Ed., 
LPC and the meeting space is at Office of Soul Matters, 230 W. Center, Fayetteville. To register, 
call 479-443-2096 or register online at info@soulmatters.org 
Fee: $45. Send $20 deposit to Soul Matters, 230 W. Center, Fayetteville, AR 72701 
Pay remaining $25 at workshop. 

--June 12, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, Hope Arkansas (Topic-Coal Plant 
construction in Texarkana)-Robert McAfee, a spokesperson for Al Gore’s An Inconvenient Truth 
will be traveling to Hope for the public meeting on this issue and invites anyone in Northwest 
Arkansas who would like to attend to ride with him. Contact: Robert McAffee, Climate Change 
Messenger 2610 W Hackett Rd, Hackett, AR 72937, (479)638-0035 (479)462-8834 
Answering the Call -- theclimateproject.org, Program based on Al Gore’s An Inconvenient Truth 

--June 12, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., from 7-8:30 PM, United Campus Ministries in the Deep End, 
Friends of the Environment - I was moved by John Seed’s talk at St. Paul’s recently, and 
inspired to help create a group of people who are ready and willing to start taking action in support 
of lightening our load on the planet. This is an invitation to come and share your ideas for what this 
group might focus on and how we will operate. My vision is for sharing ideas and resources that we 
all have on how we can start doing positive things now, both individually and collectively. So, I 
invite you to our inaugural meeting at the Deep End at United Campus Ministries, 902 W. Maple. 
Let’s get together, share ideas, have fun and see where this goes. If you have any questions, feel 
free to email me. Brad Volz, bdvolz@yahoo.com 

Upcoming Events at Wattle Hollow 
--June 16, Saturday and June 17, Sunday, Lovingkindness Meditation with Amita Schmidt 
- Amita returns to Wattle Hollow after several years, from New England. This is a wonderful 
opportunity to get quiet at Wattle and develop a metta practice. Amita spent several years at SW 
Sangha, which she co-founded with Michael Freeman, and at I.M.S. (Insight Meditation Center) in 
Barre, MA. Cost for the weekend: $60. 

--July 14, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Dharma Day - A day of Buddhist 
contemplative meditation, sitting and walking in silence, with a dharma talk/discussion in the 
afternoon. No charge, but bring a dish to share for the potluck lunch, please. Wattle will provide 
peppermint tea and rice. Go to wattlehollow.com for more information or to register for any of 
these events. Or call Joy, at 479-225-2381
June 14, Thursday, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, "Free Consumer Conservation Class: "More in the Bank, Less From the Environment" - This mini-workshop to be held at the Washington County Cooperative Extension 2536 North McConnell Ave (east of the county fair grounds) will explore how to reduce your personal environmental impact, save money and increase personal satisfaction. Participants of Nurtured World’s innovative workshops report an average cost savings of $1,600 per year and an average carbon dioxide footprint reduction of 1.6 tons, as well as other environmental and personal benefits.

The interactive workshop will include a discussion of the relative impacts of consumer versus industrial activities, the types of consumer activities that have the largest impact on the environment, and personal action case studies. Approaches for effectively addressing personal environmental impacts will be explored, including how personal satisfaction, environmental impact, and finances are related. Attendees will have an opportunity to explore how daily activities and our relationship with money affect the environment and how our personal goals can be met more effectively with lower negative environmental impacts.

Case studies of successful personal environmental behavior change, including sustainable food choices, green building, and a multitude of additional personal choices will be presented along with results from Nurtured World’s workshops conducted at venues such as Heifer International, The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, Intel, the National Guard, The City of Dallas, and numerous other organizations.

Registration is free, but required for material preparation. Please send your name and number of attendees to touei@bmswd.com or call 479-846-4601 to register by Friday June 8th.

Sponsored by the Boston Mountain Solid Waste District.

Snacks will be provided.

June 18 and 19, Monday and Tuesday, at the Wintrop Rockefeller Institute on Petit Jean Mountain - The first, "All About Energy" day-and-a-half affair starting late in the afternoon of June and extending through the day June 19. The key note address will be given by Dr. Joseph Romm, author of Hell and High Water. For more information on the agenda and registration please visit the web pages of the Winthrop Rockefeller Institute.

June 19, Tuesday, 11:45a.m. at St. Thomas Episcopal church just off of I-540 in Springdale - A presentation by two principals of the architectural firm that designed the US Green Building Council (USGBC), LEED certified Clinton Library, and Heifer Buildings in Little Rock. The presentation is sponsored by the Western Branch of the Arkansas Chapter of the USGBC. Event details may be found on the webpages of the USGBC Arkansas Chapter.

June 19, Tuesday, 6:00p.m. at the Fayetteville Public Library, Killing Us Softly 3 - This is the third film from Jean Kilpatrick examining the way women's images are portrayed in popular media and advertising. The event is as part of the Teen Summer Reading Club and is open to teens and adults. The film will be screened in the Walker Community Room. Parking is available in the Blair Library parking garage. For more information, contact Laura Cleveland, Fayetteville Public Library.

June 21, Thursday, 5-6p.m., La Maison de Tartes, 481 S. School Ave., Fayetteville, Ozark Slow Food: Take Time to Live the Slow - Join us for locally grown food prepared by Vince Pianalto. Cutting of the small cake at 5:10p.m. Local music. Drawing on the hour and half-hour.
June 22-24, July 6-8, July 13-15, July 20-22, Spring International Language Center seeks homes for one weekend this summer - Call Erin Grantz at 575-7600 or egrantz@uark.edu. The June 22-4 students are graduate and Ph.D. students from all over the world working on degrees in social justice. Intermediate English fluency. July 6-8 undergrads from Africa native or near native speakers of English studying the US Civil Rights Movement. July 13-15 English teachers from Mexico and Ecuador. July 20-22, students preparing for graduate studies in US universities, students proficient in English. Almost 100 weekend hosts needed.

June 24, Sunday, 2p.m. Lake Wedington, The OZARK STREAMERS Picnic and Swim-for-Fun Party- We’ll provide the burgers (both meat and veggie) and you bring the sides, desserts and what you want to drink. Campsites #4 and #6 have been reserved for Streamer who would like to camp Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights and help set up for the party. The picnic is open to all streamers and streamer fans and will begin at the camp sites at 2 pm on Sunday. The park requires a $5 day use fee which must be paid at the main gate. So bring your kayaks, canoes, fishing poles, swimsuits, frisbees, volleyball and join the Streamers in celebrating their two year anniversary. All Streamers and Screamers (fans) welcome! P.S. According to Lake Wedington, no dogs are allowed in the entire recreation area.

June 27-July 1, Atlanta, Georgia, United States Social Forum- Do you believe that another world is possible and another U.S. is necessary? If so, come join CODEPINK and activists from around the world at the United States Social Forum in Atlanta from. The Social Forum will be a historic gathering of peoples from the rainbow of peace and justice movements--an exciting opportunity to network, share our visions, find inspiration, and work together to change the world.

CODEPINK is facilitating two workshops--Women Stopping the War in Iraq and Preventing One with Iran, and From Hillary Clinton to Nancy Pelosi: How can we get people in power to better represent women’s interests, as well as a "CODEPINK 101" Women’s Activist Training with sessions on gaining media attention, non-violent direct action, and campaign strategy and community organizing. We will also be bringing a trademark CODEPINK Congressional action to Atlanta. To find out more about our workshops, click here. Other powerful and exciting events will include a World Court of Women, a Peace Caucus and a Runway Peace Project Fashion Show, along with dozens of other workshops, panels, receptions and actions for peace and justice. For the entire CODEPINK schedule, and to sign up to join our delegation, click here. You can also visit the official US Social Forum for further information: http://www.ussf2007.org/.

June 30, Saturday, Fayetteville, GLBTIA Pride Parade and Picnic- Mark your calendars for this great opportunity to celebrate diversity, and check this space in the next newsletter for details.

July 5-8, Thursday - Sunday, 3rd ANNUAL AFRICA IN THE OZARKS FESTIVAL, Eureka Springs, AR
- Drum and Dance Classes each day by Master Teachers
- Performances by Master Drummers and Dancers on Fri and Sat nights
- African Dinner on Thur evening
- Dancing to West African pop band AKWAABA
- African Market vendors
Advanced tickets on sale soon. More information coming soon at the Afrique Aya website
http://afriqueaya.org
--July 10, Tuesday – July 13, Friday, The ICLEI (International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives) USA 2007 National Workshop to be held in Fayetteville, Arkansas
- The theme this year: *The Economic Benefits of Local Climate Action*. This is an opportunity for local government staff and elected representatives from across the U.S. to share stories and strategies on how to save money and create other community-wide benefits through local climate protection initiatives.

**WHAT'S GOING ON?---CURRENT EVENTS**

**LOCALLY:**

WRITE A LETTER TO THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Dr. Art Hobson, retired University of Arkansas physics professor has written the following letter (see the letter in blue below) to the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, and he urges you to do the same, especially if you are concerned about global warming.

He says, “Feel free to borrow from my letter, which is similar to my email to the Arkansas Public Service Commission a few weeks ago. My letter is pretty long, but short and sweet is fine—one paragraph, a few lines. You need not be an expert or have any particular qualifications. ADEQ invites all "interested or affected persons" to submit written comments. Send it to the address given in my letter, by July 26.

This plant will emit as much CO2 as half the passenger vehicles in Arkansas. It will be a terrible example to the rest of the world. We can stop or at least sequester it if enough of us get busy.”

Art Hobson, Physics, U Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR 72701. See my liberal-arts physics textbook and other stuff at http://physics.uark.edu/hobson/

6 June 2007

Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
8001 National Drive
P.O. Box 8913
Little Rock, AR 72209
ATTN: Doug Szenher

To the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality,
I'd like to comment on the Southwestern Electric Power Company's (Swepco) proposed John W. Turk, Jr. Power Plant, near Texarkana. I'll comment only on global warming aspects. My qualifications are given below.

Earth is dangerously close to a tipping point beyond which irreversible melting of the Greenland and West Antarctic ice caps could be triggered, resulting in a 50-foot rise in ocean levels during the next one or two centuries, permanently flooding most of the planet's coastal cities. NASA's global warming expert James Hansen, perhaps the most qualified person in the country on this issue, estimates (based on geological evidence from past interglacial--between the ice ages--periods) that we are just 2 Fahrenheit degrees away from this tipping point, and that 1.25 of these degrees are already "in the pipeline" because of the delayed effects of greenhouse gases that are already in the atmosphere.

The nation is at the beginning of a "coal rush." Over 150 new coal-fired plants are on the drawing board. If these plants are built, and if they do not capture and store (sequester) their CO2, they will be a global warming disaster, boosting U.S. CO2 emissions by 10% and world emissions by 2.5%. Furthermore, this U.S. action will be a terrible example for the rest of the world, where some 1400 new coal-fired plants are planned in the next couple of decades.

The point is: CO2 is by far the most harmful effect of every unsequestered coal plant. It should be a primary focus of ADEQ's considerations.

As you know, the Texarkana plant will be an "ultra super critical" plant that burns at a higher temperature and thus produces more power per ton of coal, and less pollution per kWh. But, since there are no plans to capture its carbon, it will still put on the order of 6 million tons of CO2 into the atmosphere every year. This is equivalent to the CO2 emitted by one million cars and light trucks, or about half of all the cars and light trucks in Arkansas.

If the plant is built, it should be sequestered. I say this on environmental grounds, but there are also excellent business grounds for sequestering every new coal plant. Congress will probably pass sequestration legislation soon. Experts such as M. Granger Morgan (head of the Dept of Engineering & Public Policy at Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA), in an editorial titled "Don't Grandfather Coal Plants" in the journal Science 17 Nov 2006, argue that Congress should announce right away that any coming carbon sequestration requirement will be retroactive to 1 Jan 2007. Morgan and many other experts argue that it's extremely financially risky for companies to build new unsequestered pulverized coal plants (as this plant will be), because they are likely to be required to retrofit sequestration onto these plants. This will be FAR more expensive than simply including sequestration from the beginning.

Furthermore, Congress is likely to enact either a CO2 cap-and-trade system or a carbon tax, either of which will cause unsequestered plants to be expensive to operate. It's estimated that sequestration will increase the cost of electricity from sequestered plants by 20-100%.

All of this makes new unsequestered coal plants a very risky investment.

Sequestration technology is nearly ready to go, partly due to the welcome efforts of American Electric Power (Swepco's parent company) itself and also partly due to the U.S. Department of Energy's FutureGen near-zero-emissions coal plant project using the IGCC process. It will be really ironic, and bad news for Swepco's investors or its customers, if Swepco goes ahead...
with the John W. Turk, Jr. plant and then finds out that they must retrofit the plant for sequestration, or if it must pay perhaps $50 for every ton of CO2 emitted under cap-and-trade. For environmental reasons and for business reasons, this plant should not be built unless and until it sequesters its CO2 from the start.

Sincerely,

Art Hobson
Professor Emeritus of Physics
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Fayetteville, AR 72701
office phone: 479-575-5918
email ahobson@uark.edu

2007 OMNI PEACE AND JUSTICE HERO ON NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO
Samuel Totten, professor of secondary education at the University of Arkansas, was interviewed Thursday, May 31, about the situation in Darfur, Sudan, by Tavis Smiley for his radio program, “The Tavis Smiley Show.” The interview will be broadcast this weekend through Public Radio International and available online, too.

SUMMER AT THE WORLD PEACE WETLAND PRAIRIE
New blooms appear daily and wild things are competing for space and constantly changing at WPWP. The birds are nesting and the butterflies and bees stay busy. So, there is no schedule at WPWP, and no predicting what one may find at any moment from now through early fall. You’re welcome to come and explore for yourself. To reach the site, turn south off 6th Street onto Hill Ave. and turn west onto 11th St to S. Duncan and go 100 feet south on S. Duncan. The address is 1121 S. Duncan Ave.

OMNI NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO STAFF TABLE AT FARMER’S MARKET
Want to volunteer to help Omni, but you’re limited on time? If you have an hour or two to donate on a Saturday morning, Omni needs you. We have an information table set up at Farmer’s Market every Saturday morning throughout the summer and fall. People stop by to sign petitions, pick up free information sheets, buy buttons or bumper stickers, or, sometimes, just to visit. This is a great way to offer some time to Omni’s mission for a culture of peace in an earth restored. It’s also fun to be in the social hub of Fayetteville on a Saturday morning. If you’d like to spend an hour or two staffing the Omni Table, please contact Melanie Dietzel 442-8600 or melaniedietzel@cox.net

GLOBAL WARMING PRESENTATION OFFERED BY DR. ART HOBSON
Retired physics professor Dr. Art Hobson has worked up a 60-minute PowerPoint presentation on global warming that he recently presented to the League of Women Voters, followed by questions and discussion. He’d be happy to give this presentation/discussion to other
groups. Phone him at 479-575-5918 (days), or email ahobson@uark.edu, if you know of a group that would like to invite him to speak.

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 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.
NATIONALLY

THE AFSC OFFERS RESOURCES FOR ORGANIZING DURING THIS YEAR LEADING UP TO APRIL 4, 2008

On April 4, 1967, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. took the pulpit at Riverside Church in Manhattan and delivered a powerful speech against the U.S. war in Vietnam. King’s speech, delivered exactly one year before his death, stands as a prophetic voice not only against the Vietnam War, but against war in general, against racism, and against policies which keep people poor. See: www.afsc.org/mlk April 4th Project - Taking Up Dr. King’s Challenge: A Year of Reflection, Education, and Action

HAPPENINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED

Hi yall!

This year’s Against the Wal week of protest at the Wal-Mart shareholder’s meeting was a major success! With hard work, cooperation and creativity, we brought our message of change to shareholders with multiple appearances and stunts throughout the week. We were all over the media, and our message rang out loud and clear: Wal-Mart, respect working people, communities and the earth! Thank you to everyone who helped out; we’ll see you in the streets next year!

-Greg

Here’s a recap of the week’s activities: visit our website
http://www.againstthewal.net/home.html

In the days leading up to the meeting, as Wal-Mart shareholders from around the world dined and recreated in Fayetteville’s entertainment district, Against the Wal members hit the streets with multiple street theatre appearances of "The Greediest Show on Earth!"

Clowns distributed information alleging Wal-Mart’s bad business practice with candy and balloons while entertaining shareholders with Wal-Mart jokes and circus tricks.

Visit our website to see pictures: http://www.againstthewal.net/events.html

Friday, June 1st: 4th Annual Shareholders Meeting Protest At the Bud Walton Arena

On June 1st, while the shareholders were packed into Bud Walton Arena, we marched down with signs, leaflets and large puppets to make our point one final time. With signs that read "Universal Health Care," "Living Wage NOW!" and more, we interacted with shareholders as they passed.

To view photos, visit:
www.againstthewal.net info@againstthewal.net
FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Thanks to Wanda Stephens for reminding us:

"Cautious, careful people, always casting about to
Preserve their reputation and social standing
Never can bring about a reform.
Those who are truly in earnest must be willing to be
Anything, or nothing, in the world’s estimation, and
Publicly and privately, in season and out,
Avow their sympathies with
Despised and persecuted ideas, and their advocates,
And bear the consequences."

It was over 100 years ago that Susan B. Anthony said those words. She was talking about that most "despised and persecuted" idea of women having the right to vote, but it applies equally to the controversial issues of today.

We should take a page from her book.

THE COST OF WAR

Casualties in Iraq
The Human Cost of Occupation
Edited by Margaret Griffis :: Contact

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Latest Fatality June 10, 2007
IRAQI CIVILIAN BODY COUNT

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65000

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Cost of the War in Iraq
$433,178,020 and counting

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.

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