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Covering U.S. policy and the struggle for justice at home and abroad

The events of recent months require this special edition of the Valley War Bulletin. The votes are still being counted, the Bush administration is continuing to favor private industry while undermining citizens' rights, and we will be back in January to take another look at what is going on. For now we have listed some other independent information sources. Tack it up and keep in touch.

What Can You Do?

There are a number of ways that you can voice your support for this country and your opposition to the Bush administration and the policies that bring harm to many. If your community holds a weekly peace vigil join it and tell the world 'Not in my name!' State your opinion with a bumper sticker on your car and signs in your window at home and in your yard. Wear a button with a message on your coat, one article of clothing you will be sure to take everywhere now. Share information on the Internet, and post noteworthy commentaries on your office door or wall. Write to your senators and representatives, for they deserve job evaluations from those they represent.

Involve others. Bring a friend, relative or neighbor to meetings and activities sponsored by your local peace community and help spread awareness. Volunteer to help at local events, for help is always needed to set up and clean up. There are fliers to be handed out and information tables to monitor.

Arrange to borrow and show videos at your home to people dear to you who have not seen them.

The holiday season is a unique opportunity to show you care. Look for 'fair-trade' gifts when shopping for others. Organizations that promote peace and support local communities are dependant upon donations in order to finance activities, so contributions are always appreciated. Give in your name or in someone else's.

Let's all work together to remind one and all that peace on earth is not just for Christmas.

Documentary Roundup

The day after *Fahrenheit 9/11* won the top prize at the 2004 Cannes Film Festival, the jury that awarded him that honor broke with fifty-six years of festival tradition by holding a press conference to explain and defend their decision. During that event, jury member Tilda Swinton, a Scottish actress, said, "This film does something quite exceptional. It validates cinema. Because, let's face it, the things that Michael Moore is saying in this film cannot be said in TV media in the United States."

Documentary filmmaking has been one end-run Truth has taken around corporate-controlled television, radio, and print news. (You're reading another, by the way.) If F9/11 left you hungry for more, here are a few other documentaries you should consider viewing.

Hijacking Catastrophe: 9/11, Fear & the Selling of American Empire was created at the Media Educational Foundation in Northampton. Think of it as F9/11's more studious older sibling, with a much longer memory. www.hijackingcatastrophe.org

Outfoxed, directed by Robert Greenwald, is an in-depth analysis of the methods FoxNews uses daily to spin and distort world events for its audience. After this, you will never watch any network's news the same way again. www.outfoxed.org

Orwell Rolls in His Grave, directed by Robert Kane Pappas, dissects the American mediocracy and shows how commercial and political interests now outpace the pursuit of Truth that is journalism. www.orwellrollsinhisgrave.com

All of these films are available on DVD.

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Get [AFSC's email calendar](#) by sending an email to afsc@crocker.com (type "add" in the subject line)

Join the [Western Mass Stop War listserv](#) by sending an email to WMAPage-subscribe@yahoogroups.com,

Join the [Interfaith Coalition for Justice and Peace listserv](#) by sending an email to pvinterfaith-subscribe@topica.com

Subscribe to [Arise Action](#) by sending an email to AriseAction-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Subscribe to the [Jobs with Justice calendar](#) by sending an email to wmjwj@hge.net

Get [International ANSWER / IAC's calendar](#) by calling 413.538.8537

The [Middle East Peace Coalition](#) has a [listserv](#). Get on it by calling Joel at 413.584.1299.

Subscribe to the [Buddhist Peace Fellowship listserv](#) by sending an email to bpfpv-subscribe@topica.com.

Subscribe to the [People's Pledge listserv](#) by sending an email to PeoplesPledgeWMass-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

Subscribe to the [Valley War Bulletin listserv](#) by sending an email to vwb-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

Subscribe to the [Military Recruitment Education Network listserv](#) by sending an email to wmmren-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

[SAGE \(or the older activist group\)](#) has a listserv and email calendar. Get on them by sending an email to Rene and/or Susan Theberge at reneandsusan@comcast.net.

[Valley student organizers](#) have a listserv. Get on it by emailing valleystudentaction-request@lists.riseup.net.



Asheville Global Report agrnews.org volunteer staffed weekly from Asheville, NC.

AlterNet alternet.org Independent news, commentary, analysis, and opinion, includes WireTap Magazine, an online magazine by and for socially conscious youth.

Center for American Progress americanprogress.org works to find progressive and pragmatic solutions to significant domestic and international problems and develop policy proposals.

Asia Times asiatimes.com is an online only publication, examines geopolitical, political, economic and business issues from an Asian perspective.

Common Dreams commondreams.org is a reader-funded progressive news-wire working to create new models for internet activism.

Websites of Interest



Davey D's Hip Hop Corner daveyd.com Oldest and largest Hip Hop site on the web. The writings on his website are frequently referenced and quoted by journalists, scholars and professors and fans from all around the world.

Electronic Intifada electronicintifada.net/new.shtml News, commentary, analysis, and reference materials about the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict from a Palestinian perspective.

Empire Notes empirenotes.org a blog chronicling the Iraq war, published by Rahul Mahajan, professor at NYU, author of books on American Empire, and a board member of United for Peace and Justice and Peace Action.

Al Jazeera english.aljazeera.net/HomePage English version of the Arabic language news station and website broadcast throughout the Arab world covering politics, business, culture, weather and more.

From the Wilderness fromthewilderness.com, published and edited by Mike Ruppert, includes stories on economic and military analysis, detailed exposés of the CIA and the American political and economic system.

Grist Magazine grist.org tackles environmental topics with irreverence, intelligence, and a fresh perspective.

Ha'aretz Daily Israel English language newspaper haaretzdaily.com/

International Middle East Media Center imemc.org/index.htm IMEMC is with the help of Palestinian, Israeli and foreign journalists now seeking to establish itself as one of the main liberal, non-partisan online news sources in the coverage of the Israel/Palestine conflict.

Infoshop infoshop.org an online Anarchist community with news, theory, forums, reference material, calendar and more.

Mother Jones motherjones.com independent non-profit monthly magazine rooted in social justice and first-rate investigative reporting.

Ode odemagazine.com a monthly magazine published in English, Dutch and Portuguese about people and ideas that are changing the world.

Guide to Some Alternative News Sources in our Region

	7AM	8AM	9AM	10AM	11AM	12	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	7PM	8PM	9PM	10PM	11PM	
RADIO																		
91.1 FM WMUA	M-F		Democracy Now!											News Public Affairs				
1400AM WHMP	M-F		Unfiltered (Air America)						O'Frankin Factor (Air Am.)									
89.9FM WSCB	M-T		Democracy Now!															
	W-F							Democracy Now!										
107.9FM Radio Free Brttlboro	M,T,TH,F													Democracy Now!				
	W					Alt News Programming		Democracy Now!						Commercial Free RadioNews				
	SUN								Worker's Playtime									
15040Hz or 7445Hz Radio for Peace International Worldwide shortwave	M-F		Democracy Now!											Democracy Now!			also 11PM-12AM & 5AM-6AM	
TELEVISION																		
Amherst TV CH12	M-F		Democracy Now!											Democracy Now!				
Athol AOTV CH13	M-F					Democracy Now!											also 12AM	
Easthampton Public Access CH5	SUN-F		Democracy Now!			Democracy Now!								Democracy SAT Now!				
Greenfield Comm. CH15	M-F		Democracy Now!															
Hadley Public Access CH5	M-F, SUN													Democracy Now!				
	W								Democracy Now!									
Hadley Northampton CH15	M-F		Democracy Now!											Democracy (Hadley) Now!				
Free Speech TV Dish Network CH9415	M-F		Democracy Now!			Democracy Now!								Democracy Now!			also 12-1AM	