

# NETWORK NEWS



## READY FOR THE PROMISED PROCESS OF CHANGE

*Submitted by members of the WNPJ work group on immigration, Janet Parker, Stefania Sani, and Cindy Breunig – For contact info, see page two of the newsletter: WNPJ Board Members.*

*Dear President Obama:*

*We at WNPJ have been working on immigrant rights with member groups around the state who recognize the contribution of all immigrants and support a path to legalization. Since November 4, we have heard from many activists in Wisconsin who worked hard for your election and who are now ready for the process of change you promised. Their comments are the best articulations of our hopes. We share excerpts from their comments here; we urge you to read the full texts on our website, in English and Spanish: [www.wnpj.org](http://www.wnpj.org).*

*From Christine Neumann-Ortiz, Voces de la Frontera:*

*In 2008, millions of Latinos voted for change and respite from the politics of*

*hatred and repression. But in the context of two wars and economic hardship, it is our job to ensure that immigration reform is a priority in 2009. Humane immigration is an essential part of fixing our economy. We need reform that brings families out of the shadows instead of the Bush policies of promoting an ever larger and more abusive underground economy. Immigrant rights national networks are calling on the President to introduce a legalization bill in his first 100 days in office, and pass administrative changes that roll back the Bush legacy; including an end to the raids, repeal of REAL ID, and repeal of the proposed regulations on Social Security No Match letters.*

*Obama's campaign adopted the immigrant rights movement cry of, "sí se puede" in "yes, we can" ... this is the year to realize that promise.*

*From Alex Gillis, Immigrant Workers Union:*

*The triumph of Obama, elected on his promise of change, cannot be a blank check to his administration. Obama owes something to millions of young voters, first*



*"Getting out the Vote on election day" organized by Voces de la Frontera youth activists in Milwaukee and WNPJ board member, Cindy Breunig.*

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## WNPJ AGENDA FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT, BARACK OBAMA

*Hildegard Dorrer, editor - [hdorrer@tds.net](mailto:hdorrer@tds.net)*

**WNPJ's action plan for 2009 of immigration reform, troop withdrawal from Iraq, policy change in Afghanistan, and prison justice is urgent and hopeful.** Through this plan, the Network is collecting the voices of the people, their energies, and organizing strengths - to set priorities and then make an impact on our daily lives through policy changes from the newly elected administrations, both state and federal.

**The work is urgent:** the voices of immigrants tell us so; so do the veterans from Iraq, the people of Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan, and the repressed voices of our prisoners. All voices point to much that still is wrong among us. Our plan calls for act-

ing now, collectively. We need to pressure the new administrations to listen and to act in the name of the most vulnerable of the people.

**We also act in hope** because we count on a new national climate in which fear is not used as a manipulative tool. Using the powerful words of novelist Alice Walker, we plead with the new President "not to take on other people's enemies. Most damage that others do to us is out of fear, humiliation and pain. Those feelings occur in all of us, not just in those of us who profess a certain religious or racial devotion. We must learn actually not to have enemies, but only confused adversaries who are ourselves in disguise... There must be

no more crushing of whole communities, no more torture, no more dehumanizing as a means of ruling a peoples' spirit. This has already happened to people of color, poor people, women, children. We see where this leads, where it has led."

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# REPORT FROM THE WNPJ OFFICE

*From Judy Miner, Office Coordinator*

WNPJ has 9 new member groups joining the Network this month! Check them out on the back cover of the newsletter.

Our terrific WNPJ volunteers have been busy - at the Fall Assembly, creating a 2009 Peace calendar, Fair Trade tabling, wrapping fir balms onto peace wreath wires, and much more. Special thanks to Karin Sandvik, Dave Nordstrom, Laurene Bach, Phil Biebl, Kathy Dakter, Mary Beth Schlagheck, Rick Guerard - and all the peace wreath crew, led by Janet Parker, Seth Jensen, & Stefania Sani. THANKS!

## Introducing our new WNPJ co-chairs for 2009:

**Chamomile Nusz, Co-chair** Waupaca, WI [chamomile@arthaonline.com](mailto:chamomile@arthaonline.com). Chamomile Nusz works with the Artha Sustainable Living Center in Amherst. She received her degree from the University of Minnesota in Women's Studies, with a minor in dance. She has been immersed in the world of Non-Profits and Co-operatives for her entire life, working directly for them the last 9+ years. She was raised by environmentally conscious parents in a home that is off the grid. "I live my life with the belief that I can make a difference, and that the work I do each day needs to be moving us towards a better world. This belief in right livelihood has given me the chance to work with many great people, and affect change on an individual, community and global level."



Bill Christofferson, Co-chair, Milwaukee [xofferson@wi.rr.com](mailto:xofferson@wi.rr.com). Bill Christofferson is a Vietnam veteran and former journalist who later spent 20 years as a campaign/media consultant for Democrats in Wisconsin. In between, from 1980-83, he was the first director of Nukewatch, then Madison-based and loosely affiliated with The Progressive. He was also one of the key organizers of the 1982 nuclear freeze referendum, the first statewide vote in the country, which carried 3-1, working closely with Midge Miller, one of WNPJ's founders. Since retiring in 2007, he serves as a member of the national Iraq Moratorium committee, a board member of the Wisconsin Anti-Violence Effort (WAVE), which works to prevent firearm violence, and a board member of the Greater Wisconsin Committee, a progressive issue advocacy group.



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There are nearly 20 vigils each month in Wisconsin - every third Friday - as part of the Iraq Moratorium movement.  
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The Wisconsin Network for Peace and Justice facilitates activities, cooperation and communication among Wisconsin organizations and individuals working toward the creation of a sustainable world, free from violence and injustice.

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# PRESIDENT OBAMA – WE IN WISCONSIN ARE ABOUT ‘REVERSING TRENDS’...

*Submitted by Sarah Quinn, intern at WNPJ. sarah@wnpj.org*

At the Fall Assembly on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 citizens concerned with prison injustice met to discuss a multitude of issues surrounding what is often referred to as the Prison Industrial Complex (PIC). Discussion covered state and nationwide trends in the prison system, organizing and solidarity work inside and outside of the prisons, and strategizing on ways the Network can enhance the work of individuals and organizations struggling towards justice for all.

The prison-working group within WNPJ is committed to:

1.) The Restore the Vote: The campaign is a coalition of more than 65 organizations seeking to reinstate felons' right to vote immediately upon release from prison. Current WI law states that individuals with felony charges may not vote until they are "off paper", meaning that they are no longer in prison, on probation or parole, and do not owe restitution. This law is more restrictive than laws in 20 other states. There are many problems with the current law that disenfranchises more than 62,000 WI residents with felony convictions. 61% of these disenfranchised individuals are not incarcerated but living, working, and paying taxes in our community. This is clearly taxation without representation. This law also disproportionately affects communities of color; one out of nine

African-American voters are disenfranchised in WI, compared to one out of every 50 of the general population. Felony disenfranchisement does not increase public safety or successful re-entry into our communities; research shows that former felons who vote are 50% less likely to be re-arrested than those who do not.

WNPJ is committed to building momentum on this issue. Last year the state of Rhode Island passed legislation to automatically reinstate voting rights upon release from prison. On June 7<sup>th</sup> 2007, representative Parisi and 14 other WI state representatives and senators introduced assembly bill 390 in order to reinstate the vote to those with felony convictions upon release from prison. As the state legislature shifts in January 2009, the network would like to see this bill re-introduced. A strong democracy includes the voices of all its citizens. Voting is a right and a responsibility, not a reward.

2.) Education about the immediate and long term costs of mass incarceration on the individual his/her family, community and the nation is vital to building healthier communities and a more just society. Plans are in place to kick-off a public education campaign with a multi-media art show on January 30<sup>th</sup> at Project Lodge on E. Johnson Street, Madison. The show, sponsored by Rainbow Book-

store, WI Books to Prisoners and the JustSeeds artists collective, will feature artwork critical of the PIC by artists both inside and outside "the walls." A film and discussion series about the PIC will be launched in February as well, and traveling town hall meetings to discuss the current WI prison systems and distribute literature have also been proposed.

3.) In May 2008 the Wisconsin Department of Corrections banned Wisconsin Books to Prisoners/Rainbow Bookstore from shipping donated books to prisoners. Given the antiquated state of prison libraries, their limited hours of operation, and cutbacks in funding for prison education, WBTP played an extremely important role in providing prisoners with education material and is currently working to reinstate their service.

Wisconsin Books to Prisoners was often the *last* recourse prisoners in WI had to locate literature suiting their educational and occupational interests. WBTP believes the ban is draconian and that the First Amendment rights of prisoners are being violated. WBTP's objection to the ban is currently being supported by a pro bono lawyer as well as the ACLU. WNPJ is committed to helping raise statewide awareness about this situation and to encourage broad public dissent.

## Action Alert

\*Have your organization join the coalition to restore the vote. Contact Renee Crawford at [rcrawford@aclu-wi.org](mailto:rcrawford@aclu-wi.org).

\*Host educational events in your community. We can provide film lists with coinciding discussion questions and fact sheets.

\*Contribute to the art show. Donate art critical of the PIC. Mail to Rainbow Bookstore Cooperative, 426 W. Gilman

St. Madison, WI 53703 by January 31<sup>st</sup> 2008.) Share photographs of your local prison or correctional center, images of protests and organizing around prison issues.

\*Support the campaign to overturn the ban on prisoners owning used books. Call the WI DOC, governor Doyle and/or your local representative.

**Let your voice be heard! See how on the next page....**

\*Donate \$ to help support WBTP service and campaign to overturn the ban. **Wisconsin Books to Prisoners -** Contacts: Camy Matthay, John Peck, Sarah Quinn, Dennis Bergren and Molly Stentz - Address: C/O Rainbow Bookstore, 426 W. Gilman, Madison WI 53703; 608-257-6050, [wisconsinbookstoprisoners@yahoo.com](mailto:wisconsinbookstoprisoners@yahoo.com).



# IRAQ VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR WISCONSIN COORDINATOR BEGINS STAFF POSITION AT WNPJ

Steve Burns, WNPJ staff

By a consensus vote of our board, WNPJ has hired Todd Dennis, a U.S. Navy vet and Wisconsin coordinator of Iraq Veterans Against the War, to a 20 hour per week staff position. Todd has worked for WNPJ as a work-study student since 2007, and is graduating from the University of Wisconsin Madison with a degree in Mechanical Engineering in December.

Todd's work at WNPJ and with anti-war vets has turned his interest from engineering to peacemaking, and he plans to apply for graduate work in peace studies, perhaps at Marquette University's Center for Peacemaking. We expect his staff position at WNPJ to be for six months, ending when Todd enters graduate school in the Fall.

Todd has already taken charge of an ambitious program of work focusing on the greatly expanded presence of military recruiters in our schools. Since the invasion of Iraq, the military's recruiting budget has expanded by more than 300%, and military recruiters are now making frequent - and often unsupervised - appearances in many Wisconsin

Schools. Using data from the National Priorities Project obtained under a Freedom of Information Act request to the Pentagon, Todd has been able to identify Wisconsin schools with higher-than-average recruiting rates, allowing counter-recruitment activists to better focus their efforts, and he will be working with parents and students in Wisconsin schools to limit recruiter access.

Todd is also taking on a program that has been identified in the U.S. Army Recruiter's Manual as "our best source of leads" for potential recruits. The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test, or ASVAB, is promoted in schools as a means for students to "learn more about their career options", often with the military component downplayed or hidden. Recruiters who promote the test often don't inform school administrators that they have the option of withholding student test scores and contact information from the military. Working with a database of ASVAB schools developed by the Philadelphia Inquirer as part of an investigative report on the use of the test as a recruiting tool, Todd will launch our "ASVAB awareness" pro-

gram with letters to school administrators encouraging them to protect student privacy, and follow up with concerned parents and students.

## How does my local school rank on delivering new recruits to the military?

For Todd's school-based counter-recruitment work to be a success, it's essential that he be able to connect with parents, students and residents of school districts in order to change school policies on recruiter access and release of student information to the military. Todd will be doing more traveling around the state as part of his new staff position at WNPJ, and would be happy to speak with students in your area school about peace and counter-recruitment. Please contact the WNPJ office (608) 250-9240, [info@wnpj.org](mailto:info@wnpj.org) to arrange a speaking engagement. We can also tell you how your local school ranks on percentage of students who sign up with the military, whether your schools gives the ASVAB test, and what personal information about test-takers is given to the military.



### Join WNPJ in Celebrating Todd's Graduation

When: Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009,  
5:30 – 9:30 pm

Where: Harmony Bar and Grill –  
2201 Atwood Ave., Madison  
Music, graduation cake, inspiring  
speeches and more!

\$10 suggested donation at the  
door, all welcome!

Contact: [todd@ivaw.org](mailto:todd@ivaw.org) or 608-  
250-9240.

### Should WI Prisoners have the Right to Read? Should WI Prisoners have the Right to Own a Book? Should WI Prisoners have the Right to Own a *Used* Book?

WI Department of Corrections is currently not allowing **used** books to be purchased by or donated to prisoners through retail bookstores.

Please let Secretary Raemisch, Governor Doyle & your state representative know that you support prisoners' rights to receive **used** books from retail bookstores.

#### Rick Raemisch, WI DOC Secretary

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**“Promised”** from front page

time voters and to workers: change. This change has to first mean that we will not repeat the old formulas of segregation, persecution and scapegoating of immigrants or other groups. So far, Obama’s program on immigration does not set him apart from the current and alarming trends in a human crisis that affects 18 million families in the U.S.

We can show together that another kind of politics can work. The proof is in the grassroots activism that put a black man in the white house. ¡Unidos sí se puede, sí se pudo, y SI SE PODRA!

*From Roberto Rodriguez, activist-academic:*

As a brown man, I view Obama’s victory not simply as a dream, but as a very long and bloody struggle against dehumanization. I see this not simply as a victory for African Americans, but as a victory for this nation, waiting to be transformed, and for a world community, waiting for that transformation, waiting for

rehumanization. I have to believe that when president-elect Obama is inaugurated, he will loudly proclaim that there is no such thing as an illegal human being and that all the walls along the Southern border will be dismantled. All this, while working on trade agreements that place human beings front and center. NO HUMAN BEING IS ILLEGAL

*Jorge C, Immigrant Workers Union:*

President-elect Obama, first of all I wish you luck in the grand endeavor of governing this great country. I ask that immigrants be given respect and that there be an end to the assaults on our dignity. The raids should be stopped until there is a thorough immigration policy reform and justice for all who live here, for all of us who have contributed sweat and tears, and for all the dignity that has been denied us.

We are putting all we have into our work here, and it’s not just eight hours each day. We immigrants work ten and sometimes fourteen hours a day so that the future of

our children will not be as uncertain as our own.

I want to ask you, President Obama, what would it be like if you went to another country as an immigrant and you were treated as badly as we are treated? Being called thieves, told that we have come to steal services that we shouldn’t have, take away your jobs. What would you think about that? If everyone blamed you, what reaction would you have, knowing that you are only succeeding through hard work and wishing that people realized this? How would you feel about all the words of blame and criticism, about being told that your community is worthless?

I ask that more thought be given to the generations to come. The family that is united and living together strengthens the community. My son is 4 years old, and he has gone to all the marches, with an American flag in his hand, chanting “sí se puede,” and he understands what it means: yes we can for liberty, yes we can for dignity, yes we can for rights.

## WNPJ TAKES ON THE “GOOD WAR” AFGHANISTAN FOCUS OF DISCUSSION AT WNPJ ASSEMBLY

Steve Burns, staff at WNPJ, [outreach@wnpj.org](mailto:outreach@wnpj.org)

While a candidate, President-elect Barack Obama made clear his commitment to increasing the number of U.S. troops in Afghanistan, referring to Afghanistan as the “central front in the war on terror.” Obama’s statements were a wake-up call to many in the peace movement. With our attention focused so tightly on the massively unpopular Iraq war, had we missed the opportunity to make the case against the U.S. occupation of Afghanistan and the larger “War on Terror”?

At this year’s WNPJ Assembly, Afghanistan was a key topic of discussion by WNPJ’s anti-war working group, and many provocative questions were asked: “How do we address the concerns about human rights - and especially women’s rights - that caused so many to support the Afghanistan invasion in the first place?”, “What do the Afghan people think of the U.S./NATO occupation?”, “How

can we help to bring the voices of the Afghan people to the American people?”, “How can we successfully challenge the idea that war is the proper response to terrorism, an idea that had its first application in Afghanistan?”, “Are we, in fact, for a rapid withdrawal of U.S. forces from Afghanistan, as we are in Iraq, or should we favor a more gradual withdrawal?” and “If we’re opposed to the U.S./NATO occupation, do we think that some military presence under UN auspices might be justified?”

These questions are made especially urgent by the new President’s plan to transfer troops withdrawn from Iraq into the fight in

Afghanistan. We encourage WNPJ members and member groups to ask these questions and to delve deep into the arguments for and against continuing the U.S. military occupation of Afghanistan, and to give this conflict the attention it deserves. At the WNPJ website, we will be gathering some of the best news reports and in-depth analysis on the situation in Afghanistan. We hope it will be a useful resource to you. We welcome your suggestions, too: please send them to [info@wnpj.org](mailto:info@wnpj.org).

And, for starters, we strongly recommend the book *Bleeding Afghanistan: Washington, warlords, and the propaganda of silence*, by Sonali Kohlhatkar and James Ingalls. Ms Kohlhatkar is a representative of the Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan, an org. that has courageously stood for the rights of Afghan women under the rule of U.S. sponsored warlords, under the Taliban, and now under the U.S. occupation.



## Bits & Peaces

**CSWAB says invest in managed pasturing:** Senate Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman, Herb Kohl, recently secured \$2,502,360 for the Dairy Forage Agricultural Research Center farm in Prairie du Sac - to evaluate and develop building plans to support future research needs. Under consideration is a \$27 million "intensive animal unit" that would be constructed on recently acquired lands inside the closing Badger Army Ammunition Plant. The proposal would increase the research farm's average herd size of 400-600 animals to as many as 1,000 animals.

Grazing advocates maintain that confinement systems are not environmentally sustainable or economically competitive. A recent UW cost analysis found that with a herd of 300 cows, the research farm is losing approximately \$837,000 per year. By comparison, managed grazing has the benefit of lower initial capital investment in equipment and machinery compared to confinement systems.

Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger (CSWAB) initiated a letter on Oct. 16, urg-

ing the USDA and the University of Wisconsin to invest anticipated federal funding in managed pasturing, rather than confined animal operations. This letter was co-signed by representatives of the Madison Area Community Supported Agriculture Coalition, Family Farm Defenders, Organic Consumers Association, Madison Audubon Society, Clean Water Action Council, Peace Action Wisconsin, Sierra Club-John Muir Chapter, Concerned Citizens of Newport, Midwest Environmental Advocates, Tribal Environmental Watch Alliance, WNPJ, and many others. Contact: [info@cswab.org](mailto:info@cswab.org).

**WAVE (Wisconsin Anti Violence Effort) continues to support sensible solutions to gun violence** such as mandatory background checks on all firearm sales. Almost 50% of all guns sold in Wisconsin are done with no background check and almost 80% of crime guns come from those sales - with only licensed dealers required to conduct a background check. Guns sold by private sellers at gun shows, on the street, in

homes, through classified ads, or over the internet require NO background check. Organizations can help close this loophole by adding their name to a growing list of supporters. Thank you to all the WNPJ groups that have already signed on. For additional copies or for questions, please contact Heidi Rose, Program Director, WAVE Educational Fund; PO Box 170393, Milwaukee, WI 53217, (414) 351-9283, [hrose@waveedfund.org](mailto:hrose@waveedfund.org) or [www.waveedfund.org](http://www.waveedfund.org).

**Churches Center for Land and People (CCLP) received a \$42,000 grant from the Farmers Union Industries Foundation**, collaborating with the Wisconsin Farmers Union to increase consumer attendance and church participation in Winter Farmers Markets - providing meals of local foods to Wisconsinites. The Winter Markets events grew from 3 the first winter of 2003, to 52 in 2007. The Center wants to increase these winter events to 100. To learn more, call (608) 754-1877 or go to [www.cclpmidwest.org](http://www.cclpmidwest.org).

## ROLLING BACK THE LEGACY OF THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION

### "BRING OUR GUARD HOME" SEEKS TO RE-ESTABLISH RULE OF LAW

Submitted by Steve Burns, WNPJ staff

One of the most toxic legacies of the Bush administration is a massive expansion in Executive power coupled with a belief that the President is above the law, especially when he claims to be acting in the name of "national defense."

"Bring Our Guard Home - It's the Law!" is a national campaign, now active in more than a dozen states, that seeks to re-assert the rule of law over the President's demands for National Guard troops to be sent to Iraq. Based on a legal analysis by Ben Scotch, legal counsel to the Vermont State Legislature, the campaign notes that the reasons stated by Congress in its 2002 Authorization for Use of Force in Iraq are no longer operative, and Congress has never reauthorized the Iraq mission on any



other basis. As Vermont State Representative Michael Fisher puts it, "It is clear that the mission that Congress authorized no longer exists. The President has no current or permanent legal authority to keep Guard members in Iraq."

Legislation based on the Vermont model is ready to be introduced in several states

- including Wisconsin - as soon as state legislatures come back into session. Madison Representative Spencer Black has expressed his intention to sponsor legislation in the Wisconsin Assembly. WNPJ will be working to build public support for the legislation, identify supportive legislators, and reach out to Guard members and families with a message of support for keeping their loved ones in Wisconsin. "Bring Our Guard Home" state coordinator Joy First (also of National Campaign for Nonviolent Resistance) will be leading the effort, with help from Madison-based Liberty Tree Foundation for the Democratic Revolution. For more information on "Bring Our Guard Home - It's the Law!", see the enclosed petition form. Contact Joy at [jfirst@tds.net](mailto:jfirst@tds.net).



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 A-dollar-a-day for peace \$365/yr  
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# Action Alert

## CLOSE THE SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS (SOA/WHINSEC)

The annual November Vigil to Close the SOA fired up the movement to finally *make the School of the Americas history*. The November 4 election saw at least 35 supporters of the institution lose their seats in the House of Representatives.

The United States government won't shut down the School of the Americas (SOA/WHINSEC) on its own. It will take people power and grassroots organizing to create a climate and culture that will make the existence of institutions like the SOA/WHINSEC impossible.

The people have the power to hold the Obama administration to its promises of



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a new direction in U.S.-Latin America relations and are calling for the closing of the SOA/WHINSEC as a first step. Go to the SOAW website, and sign the petition: [www.soaw.org](http://www.soaw.org). Connect with

fellow activists in your community to push the agenda for justice!!

MILWAUKEE – SOAW/Peace Action WI, Kate Fontanazza, (414) 933-2472 or Joyce Ellwanger, [jellwang@execpc.com](mailto:jellwang@execpc.com), (414) 933-6157.

NORTHLAND COLLEGE  
 ROOTS FOR CHANGE – Max Metz, [max5823@hotmail.com](mailto:max5823@hotmail.com), 847-308-2299

NUKEWATCH – John LaForge, [nukewatch@lakeland.ws](mailto:nukewatch@lakeland.ws).

SOAW-Madison – Jeanette Karon, 608-239-6302, [soaw\\_madison@yahoo.com](mailto:soaw_madison@yahoo.com) or Sr. Maureen McDonnell, [mcdonnel@edgewood.edu](mailto:mcdonnel@edgewood.edu).



## AN ORCHID TO

**The administration of Governor Jim Doyle** for taking action to wean Wisconsin off coal, starting with the two state-owned Madison plants. The action was prompted by a Sierra Club lawsuit but officials stated that "it was also the right things to do". (August, 2008)

**Clean Wisconsin and Wisconsin activists** for having defeated a proposal for the construction of a major new coal-

fired power plant in Cassville. The plant was rejected by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission after an unprecedented outpouring of public opposition.

**June Kjome of LaCrosse** - for her new biography "June Kjome: the making of an old lady activist" - just released...honoring a lifetime of peace and justice work around the world and Wisconsin. To get your copy, contact June at [jkjome@centurytel.net](mailto:jkjome@centurytel.net).



## AN ONION TO

**Two-thirds of U.S. corporations and 68 percent of foreign companies doing business in the U.S.** that were paying no federal income taxes between 1998 and 2005, according to a study by the Government Accountability Office.

**Madison's School Board** for failing to question the Military Recruiting practices of giving recruitment information to 9th graders in the public schools this Fall.



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