

Student marches in Greece

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National marches were organised by many student associations in Athens and Thessaloniki, where more than 270 faculties are occupied by students, protesting against the revision of the constitutional article 16, introducing the establishment of private universities. Mainly however, is undertaken the subordination of academic stupidity to the enterprising and economic plannings, as well as the intensification of student subjugation through more demanding schedules, imposition of maximum time of studies, additional academic expenses etc.



The course in Athens, began around 14:00, with attendance of more than 15.000 demonstrators. A bit earlier there was an attack with molotof cocktails against riot-policemen who blockaded some streets around the technical university, while in the morning a CCTV camera was set on fire outside the technical university. Reaching to the march's ending some groups of demonstrators, burned 5 government and diplomatic vehicles, 2 CCTV cameras, and clashed with the police. Later the afternoon, many demonstrators went to the technical university, wich is occupied by anarchist groups in solidarity to the 3 detainees of May 6th (2 of them are on a hunger strike)-for more info click here. Cops tried to attack the occupied building but were forced to recede, while 2-3 riot policemen caught fire!

In Thessaloniki, more than 3.000 persons demonstrated, after a calling of student associations in the technical university, at 18:00, towards the ministry of Macedonia & Thrace. Groups of demonstrators broke in and set fire to the commercial bank near the ministry, a subsidiary of Piraeus bank, and a McDonalds, as well as 2 CCTV cameras. There were also conflicts between cops and demonstrators by the university area, when the police tried to attack the demo. No arrest was made anyway.

Smash G8 in Germany

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From 4th to 7th of June 2007 the G8-Summit in Heiligendamm, in the proximity of Rostock, in Germany takes place. Also the mobilization of the Leftwing against the G8-Summit already runs on full speed. Different alliances are founded, several nationwide meetings did take place, also with international participation and an approximate plan of action for the protests is already fixed. Already now there are numerous actions, which mobilize to the events of protest against the G8-summit. Because of the 100.000 expected demonstrators at the Main Manifestation in the Rostock City at 2nd of June 2007 the policeforces are preparing since some time their operation and security plan for the whole region and for Rostock.



I have stopped my protest outside Gordon Smith's office, I demanded he come out and say something about the war in Iraq and he has done that a few weeks ago. I do not trust the man but he did use strong language and that is enough for me to stop my brunch with the Gorgon.

I will visit his office as part of other actions and will risk arrest trying to get him to stop the funding of the occupation of Iraq. I will also start a new vigil in front of Sen. Wyden's office on 3rd Ave, in Portland. I believe that Smith is now irrelevant and the Dems must act now. I want the Dems to start the investigations but go much further than they wish to travel.

In the spirit of Dr. King let us not talk about Impeachment--let us talk about the four (I's)

Investigation
Impeachment
Indictment
Incarceration

As surely as Dahmer, Casey, and McVey were allowed the right to a fair trial---the pretender in the White House must also be given his time in the well of justice. We knew these other men committed terrible acts, we knew in that place of truth deep in our souls that they must answer for their horrible crimes, and so must Bush, Cheney, Rice and others answer to the world for their acts of terror. They must stand before the God of peace and defend the mass murder of hundreds of thousands of innocent souls who now watch for justice from above. It is time.

It is time for all Americans who know this war is murder to pick their time, place, and be arrested for standing up for our Bill of Rights and our Constitution. (Creating a record.)

It is time for all who know, to do more and more each day, to stop this madness.

It is time to confront these NeoCons wherever they go. When you see them in church, ask them if they have asked for forgiveness. When you see them at a play or movie theaters tell them "ENOUGH." When you see them at a restaurant be rude, walk out and tell them why you choose to eat in a place of harmony and that their presence has caused you pain. Shun them for they are destroying everything that you hold dear and sacred. Silence is killing this nation and causing the rest of the world much pain. Wherever and whenever you see these NeoCons make a scene, do not be afraid, and be proud.

It is time.
May this madness be over soon.

Tigard Residents Organize Against Wal-Mart

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For over a year, Wal-Mart's local developer has been quietly preparing a proposal for a new store in the Tigard Triangle, a small commercial area bordered by the I-5, Hwy 217 and Hwy 99. The area is already plagued by traffic congestion, and many are concerned that adding more big-box stores to the area would cripple local roads. Members of a local group, Tigard First, are fighting back...

Rumors about the potential development first surfaced in March 2006, and a local citizens group, Tigard First, was organized to discuss growth concerns. The group got a boost from State Representative Larry Galizio, who helped to organize the first town-hall style meeting, where hundreds of neighbors gathered to discuss the community impacts large scale retailers, including damage to local business, increased crime and traffic congestion.

"Wal-Mart has a history of being a bad neighbor, and a community has every right to oppose development that doesn't meet their goals for a livable and transit-friendly community," said Galizio.

The group's mission is to support long-term responsible development planning that takes the best interests of the city into account and promotes the revitalization of downtown Tigard. Because of the traffic impact of a big-box store in the Tigard Triangle, as well as the effects of such a development on public safety, the environment and local downtown businesses, Tigard First has voiced opposition to a Wal-Mart or other big box store at 72nd and Dartmouth.

In order to support Tigard's downtown and protect community livability, Tigard First advocates the following:

1. Building a beautiful downtown: A moratorium on development within ½ mile of the urban renewal boundary until design standards, which are currently being developed, are approved.
2. No More Big-Box: Rezoning the Tigard Triangle for mixed use development will keeping traffic, crime & impact to local business under control.

Many residents of Tigard were alarmed this week after receiving anonymous survey calls designed to test attitudes about retail choice in the area, and to question their support for a new 24-hour "super store". For most participants, there was no doubt who was behind the calls.

To combat pressure from neighbors, Wal-Mart often keeps projects a secret as long as possible, limiting neighbors' time to organize opposition. Once a project is announced, the company works hard to find supporters. In Cedar Mill, Wal-Mart sent thousands of postcards asking neighbors to testify in support of the new store, or send written comments to local leaders.

A phone poll may be the newest way for Wal-Mart to identify local supporters, and this week's survey has neighbors worried that an official proposal could be

coming soon.

According to residents surveyed*, questions included:

- Are you satisfied with retail choices in Tigard?
- How many times do you travel outside the city of Tigard to shop?
- Are there enough 24-hour shopping choices in Tigard?
- Would you support the building of a new 24-hour SuperCenter in Tigard?

Tigard First is a local citizens group whose members meet to discuss local growth and traffic concerns. Members are currently advocating long-term planning solutions including changing the zoning of the Tigard Triangle area to instead encourage office parks and small retail uses.

The group has voiced opposition to a Wal-Mart or other big box store at 72nd and Dartmouth, and is building grassroots support with lawn signs and a petition. Over 500 names appear on the document, which requests changes to the current zoning plan to address traffic and environmental impacts of over-development.

The area is currently zoned for "regional commercial" use, but intersections are already at or near traffic capacity. Traffic engineers working on the project may have difficulty squeezing in an additional 10,000 cars per day, the average that Wal-Mart Supercenters are estimated to generate.

The City of Tigard is currently reviewing their comprehensive plan, which would guide land use and zoning for the next 20 years. Upcoming public hearings will be held for the downtown urban renewal area, and Tigard First members will urge city leaders to get in front of planning issues.

Washington County Peace Vigil

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About 25 people assembled this evening to remind people that Chimp's performance on 60 Minutes is just not acceptable. Continue to call your representatives and let them know to stop the funding and hold those responsible accountable for their actions.

