

## Press Release

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### **Citizens Expose Lies About Weapons of Mass Destruction from Albuquerque to Iraq**

At a press conference to be held south of the latest mega Wal-Mart, corner of Highland and San Mateo, SE, at 11 a.m., today, Saturday, April 26, community leaders will link the global sweatshop economy with weapons of mass destruction at Kirtland AFB. Speakers will also oppose the destabilizing news of a bunker buster nuclear weapon being developed to murder selected heads of foreign states.

Speakers will also expose the lies of our government to its own people about the Iraq war: wmd's were used as a pretext to attack while the government lies to us that none are stored here in this city. Worse is the big lie that more nuclear weapons will make us safe when in reality a new arms race is being established which will lead to an eventual use of nuclear weapons in conflict or terrorism. Sandia NL and KAFB could be providing jobs for useful civilian needs, not war profiteers. Why does our government lie to its citizens so much?

The group will walk and deliver nearly 2,000 petition signatures to the Kirtland AFB commander calling for the removal and destruction of the estimated 3,000 wmds.

Among the community leaders, and or representatives today: Sam Hitt, founder Forest Guardians and Wild Watershed; Katherine Hughes-Freiteck, Arab-Jewish peace Alliance; Dr. Kathleen O'Malley, visited Iraq; Jerry Ortiz y Pino, columnist; United Nations Association, Sarah McMillan; Debbie Christensen, Union 1199, Hospital and Health Care Employees; Gail Taylor, Albuquerque Friends; La Raza Unita Party; Pat Hynes, Sweatshop Coalition of Albuquerque; Beverly Bell, Center for Economic Justice; Veterans for Peace; David Miertschin, Green Party Bernalillo County; Seamus O'Sullivan, Board Pres., Albuquerque Homeless Advocacy Coalition; Trey Smith, Albuquerque Alliance of Students.

Today's speak truth to power event is in memory of Albuquerque's Jeanne Gauna and Brian Avery, and Rachel Corlee, Thomas Hurndall and those killed in Iraq for oil and empire.

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