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Community News and Opportunities for Action,

*reporting on events and issues of peace, justice, and sustainability affecting us and future generations in Alaska, broadcasting on **Sundays, 8am & 6pm** on KWRK-LP 90.9 FM Radio in Fairbanks, Alaska.*

WEEK of MARCH 25th, 2018

Day, Date	Time	Event Description, Contact information	Where?
All Month		Women's History Month - March CELEBRATE WOMEN'S	<u>HISTORY MONTH</u>
		<u><i>This Week Opportunities for Action</i></u>	
	--Monday	(Some) Issues of Peace, Justice, and Sustainability to be brought up This week in the Alaska Legislature: -- SB 216 SCHOOL FUNDING FOR CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv** -- SB 198 UAA LONG-ACTING CONTRACEPTION STUDY "... of effectiveness & cost of providing long-acting reversible contraception to women w substance abuse disorders." Sponsor Sen.Kelly; no statement. --"Lunch & Learn: How Government Policy Can Support High-Growth Startups by Max Gurvits & Elina Zheleva, CCC Startups" <i>[Is this corporate welfare being bought by lobbyists? Is it wise?]</i> -- HB 355 FIRE;FOREST LAND; CRIMES;FIRE PREVENTION += HB 75 GUN VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDERS -- HB 27 HIGH-RISK CHEMICALS FOR CHILD EXPOSURE-Testim += HB 260 FISH & GAME LICENSES;ELECTRONIC FORM += HCR 23 PROTECT WILDLIFE FROM FOREIGN PATHOGENS -- budgets APRIL 2018:SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH -- SB 202 NATIVE CORP. LIABILITY FOR CONTAMINATION -- HB 75 GUN VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDERS-- Testimony - -- HB 390 RANKED-CHOICE PRIMARY ELECTIONS	Go to www.alaskapeace.org "Community News" for a link to Community organizations and contact info for local, state, and federal government representatives.
	--Tues	-- SB 152 SEPT. 11: PATRIOT DAY-- Public Testimony -- -- HB 303 WORKERS' COMP; REHAB/REEMPLOYMENT- Testimo -- HB 193 HEALTH CARE; BALANCE BILLING-- Public Testimony "insurance trade practices & frauds; + relating to emerg srvcs & balance billing." -- SB 192 VOTING: ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY; FEES	Schedules often change. Contact your Legislative Information Office (LIO). In Fbks: 452-4448 ***** See more of the legislative schedule and links to related info here: 3/25-31 -----
	--Wed	-- HB 399 CORP. TAX: REMOVE EXEMPTIONS/CREDITS- Testim -- HB 173 CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION-Testimon <Invit Only> -- SB 184 ACCESS TO MARIJUANA CONVICTION RECORDS-tes. -- Overview: Permitting System- Anadromous Streams-PublicTestimon -- SB 122 OCS CITIZEN REVIEW PANEL	* Alaska's Congressional delegation: Capitol switchboard 1-202-224-3121 Rep Don Young in Fbks 456-0210; Email via web site: donyoung.house.gov ;
	--Thurs	-- HB 305 OIL/HAZARDOUS SUB.:CLEANUP/REIMBURSEMENT-t -- HB 322 OIL SPILLS/POLLUTION:PENALTIES;PREVENTION -tes -- HB 216 TRANSFERS FROM DIVIDEND FUND; CRIMES-testim. -- HJR 32 CONST. AM: PARENTAL CONSENT TO ABORTION "... notice and consent before termination of a minor's pregnancy." -- HB 184 DISCRIMINATION: GENDER ID.;SEXUAL ORIENT.-tes. -- HB 288 OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION TAX	Sen Lisa Murkowski in Fbks: 456-0233/fax 451-7146; Email via: murkowski.senate.gov - Sen Dan Sullivan in Fbks 456-0261/fax
	-- Friday	-- HB 316 RESTRICT ACCESS MARIJUANA CRIME RECORDS-t. -- HB 384 REG. COMM OF AK; BROADBAND INTERNET -t.	

		-- HB 230 TELECOMMUNICATIONS & INTERNET PRIVACY -t.	<i>451-7290; Email via: sullivan.senate.gov</i>
Monday March 26	4pm	“Chena Riverfront Commission Special mtg - discussion: to maintain yr-round open water.. boat & recreational access Chena River to private properties...& to provide...egress for resident fish...”	Chizmar Conf. rm Borough Bldg, 907 Terminal St.
	6-8pm	“ACLU Update in Juneau.” at Congregation Sukkat Shalom, Corner of Cordova & Foster on Douglas Island RSVP on Facebook or by emailing rsvp@acluak.org !	211 Cordova St., JNU
Tuesday March 27	6pm	Arctic Daughter film [fundraiser] & conversation: Filmmakers Jean Aspen and Tom Irons will visit UAF to screen the first film in a planned trilogy, <i>Arctic Daughter: A Lifetime of Wilderness</i> . The couple’s work speaks to the authentic human journey and to our belonging to the greater community of life, and our collective responsibility to wild places and to the Earth. ... audience Q&A and conversation. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Northern [Alaska Environmental] Center.	UAF Schaible Auditorium Tickets will be available at the door, and online here ; \$10 adults, \$5 students, kids 12 & under free.
	12-1pm	<i>Fbks Chamber of Commerce Luncheon:</i> “Linchpin for Homeland Missile Defense At this luncheon we'll hear an update on Long Range Discrimination Radar program by Richard Hagy. We'll also learn about LRDR mission, timeline and status.”	RAVEN LANDING “A person can come & not order lunch... sit in the back against the wall with the Press.”
Thursday March 29	12-1	Fairbanks Housing & Homeless Coalition mtg. Noel Wien Library	auditorium
Friday March 30	6-9pm	Alaska Peace Center potluck & presentation/discussion: The People's Amendments. An Alaskan's journey around the U.S. trying to fulfill a centuries old promise of a citizen democracy. Our focus is to eliminate the overwhelming unequal influence of money, and the suffocating grip of the two-party duopoly, on OUR American political system. Presented by Dave Matheny.	the HUB; 410 2nd Ave, Ste 100, Fbks
Saturday March 31	11am-1pm	“Love Is the Way” rally: Come with a banner that supports this theme.	corner of Geist Rd & University Ave.
		<u><i>After This Week</i></u>	
Thurs, 4/5	5-7pm	Alaska Peace Center Annual mtg, at which new folks can join the board. Come help plan directions and events to increase peace, justice, and sustainability. info@alaskapeace.org or www.alaskapeace.org or 479-0981 for more information.	APC office, 3535 College Rd, suite 203, above Fuji restaurant
Fri, 4/20		“National Day of Action Against Gun Violence in Schools, hosted by the National Education Association. You can learn more about the event and sign up here .”	
April 30th and May 1st		from Fairbanks Housing & Homeless Coalition fairbankshomeless@gmail.com “A 2-day training on Individual Placement & Support (IPS), the evidence-based supported employment model. Trainer: Sandy Reese from The IPS Employment Center ipsworks.org .”	Anchorage
May 12 -13 th	10a - 2p	<u><i>Non-Violent Direct Action Training:</i></u> Nonviolent action are techniques outside of institutionalized behavior for social change that challenges an unjust power dynamic using methods of protest, noncooperation, and intervention without the use or threat of injurious force. Join us to strengthen and diversify our tactics in Fairbanks. We will offer a 1.5 day intensive training on NVDA. Please RSVP to fairbanksclimateaction@gmail.com and also share with your networks if your groups will use these tools for change.	CCHRC
OPEN THROUGH SEPT. 2018	winter to May 31 Mon- Sat 9 AM - 5 PM	Decolonizing Alaska is a multimedia visual art exhibit featuring contemporary artists exploring and responding to Alaska’s history of colonization. A collaboration of more than 30 diverse Alaska artists, both Native and non-Native, the exhibit introduces new ideas around Alaska culture. Artists move beyond stereotypical ideas to inspire conversation around self-definition and express ideas about identity separate from those that permeate popular culture. Learn more about the exhibit	University of Alaska Museum of the North Special Exhibits Gallery 1962 Yukon Dr. Fbks Admission \$0, \$5, \$8, or \$14

Good News category:

From Northern Alaska Environmental Center: **“Victory in defense of Alaska oceans** - On Monday, the federal district court in Alaska ruled that the lawsuit we, along with a coalition of Alaska Native and conservation groups, filed against the Trump administration, will be allowed to move forward. In May 2017, environmental law firm Earthjustice filed the lawsuit attempting to hold the administration to the rule of law, despite their attempt to undo the permanent ban on new offshore oil and gas leasing in the Arctic and Atlantic. The administration and the American Petroleum Institute disputed the suit on predictably shaky grounds, and the district judge's ruling means that the court will decide whether the administration's actions broke the law. NAEC executive director Elisabeth Balster Dabney stated, ‘We will continue to fight to keep oil and gas development out of the offshore of Alaska's Arctic Ocean. This is yet another reminder to this administration that we will not tolerate our public lands and waters being sold to the highest bidder.’ We hope you'll join us.”

Ongoing Campaigns, Recent Past Events, and/or Issues not specific to Alaska

Peace

from International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons: **“A growing number of banks & pension funds won't touch the nuclear weapons industry.** You can see a list of them in our Hall of Fame. These financial institutions should get our support and thanks, you can send them a message here. [But:] **Is your bank financing a new nuclear arms race? Click here to see if your bank is on our list** of 329 banks, pension funds, insurance companies & asset management companies that use their clients' money- your \$- to invest in nuclear weapon producing companies, weapons of mass destruction that have been prohibited by an international treaty. . They do it to make a profit, and at the same time fuel the new nuclear arms race. **Tell our banks to get our money out of the nuclear weapons business.** They know they will lose clients & lose money if people know they are connected to the nuclear weapons industry. **If you find your bank on our list, send them a message here.** ”

[Financial institutions with branches in Fbks, AK, that invest in nuclear weapons include Wells Fargo (among the 10 worst), State Farm, and Alaska Airlines credit cards are from Bank of America; you may have a credit card from various others. The Advance College Tuition (formerly “tuition credits”) that you signed your children up for via Alaska Permanent Fund Dividends was turned into money that T.Rowe Price has heavily invested in nuclear weapons. University retirement funds are with another nuclear investor, Fidelity Investments. And what about insurance companies? Or if you have a ‘portfolio’ - are some parts on the list? Is Key Bank part of Keycorp, on the list? Why have I heard these names a lot:

Justice

“BREAKING: We filed a lawsuit today to protect the rights of immigrants in Alaska.” *From www.acluak.org * 3-22-18.*

“When you call the police in the middle of a frightening situation, you expect them to help you, not your attackers. For our client Alex Caceda, however, calling the police during a violent encounter during which he was kicked in the head and temporarily blinded led to his own arrest solely due to his immigration status. This is wrong – and unconstitutional – and we're heading to court to hold law enforcement officials accountable for their treatment of Alex and others like him.

Meet Alex and learn more about our lawsuit.

Alex is a Palmer resident and immigrant from Peru who was helping out friends who own a bar with crowd control during the big Mayweather vs. McGregor fight. While leaving work on August 27, he witnessed a man choking and punching a female bartender. When he interceded, three men viciously assaulted him. The police arrived, identified the attackers, and handcuffed them. In the end, however, Alex was arrested; the three men who beat him were not.

We're heading to court on Alex's behalf so that no one else has to endure what he did. When police officers assume the duties of ICE agents, it makes us all less safe: immigrants in Alaska receive the message that they should not report crimes they witness or call the police when they need help. In addition, state law does not allow local police to arrest people just for being undocumented. When they do, they are the ones breaking the law.

Law enforcement officials in Alaska should be aware that if they target immigrants who have not committed a crime, the ACLU of Alaska is ready to hold them accountable for the unlawful arrests. Sincerely, Rashika Rakibullah
Lead Organizer, **ACLU of Alaska**

**American Civil Liberties Union of Alaska*

Sustainability

from Alaskans FOR Wildlife: **“ALERT Another 5 Denali Park Wolves, collared straying out of the park have been legally killed.**

I ask each of you... request of ADFG Commissioner Cotten now... to, once again as he had done once before, close the area by emergency order... cc your state senator.

Denali wolves and a requested legislative Stampede Trail closure are highly topical now ...with proposed HB105 in Senate Resources.

Killing very high value wolves is like shooting with an AK47 at the State of Alaska's budget resources with a Bumpstock. Ridiculous on its face to blast the golden egg, a pillar of a regional economic building block, the presence of national park wolves visitors by multitudes seeking here to experience. Please, now.

Thank you, jimk, Alaskans FOR Wildlife

To: Sam Cotten <sam.cotten@alaska.gov>

Commissioner Cotten,

Please use Emergency Order authority to immediately close areas along the northeast boundary of Denali National Park & Preserve to all wolf hunting/trapping. Please create this safety for the park wolves for the remainder of the 2018 regulatory hunting and trapping season. I live in the area and I am sickened by the report that another 5 collared park wolves have been killed by hunters/tappers on the park boundary. This is an emergency

Please let me know your plan.

*Thank you.
[sign your name]”*

*Alyeska Investment Group?, Aetna?,
Raymond James Financial? Citigroup?
Check out the list for yourself.]*

Veterans For Peace: “As veterans who have been traumatized by the violence of war, we were shocked and saddened by the recent mass murder of 17 high school students in Florida. This horrible slaughter, carried out by a troubled young man with a military assault rifle, would be tragic enough if it were a freak occurrence. But sadly, this appalling event is part of a well-established pattern – an unchecked epidemic of mass killings in the US.

Many military veterans see gun violence as a reflection of our culture which teaches force or the threat of using force as the... way to address conflict resolution. That issues are always simple with "bad guys and good guys" and the bad guys must be killed. This reflection of gun violence is most starkly seen in the "permanent wars" that the U.S. is carrying out in multiple countries. At last count, the United States was bombing at least seven nations (Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Pakistan, Yemen, Libya, and Somalia), as well as using drones to carry out targeted assassinations... But the truth is, at home or abroad, violence begets violence. These U.S. wars have only served to create more violence, and despite more and more gun access and the spread of open carry and other gun friendly laws, we see more and more mass shootings and gun violence here at home. In both cases, nobody wins except those who are making armloads of money through the sale of guns and bombs. [Read Full Statement](#) ”

“End Wars at Home & Abroad, April 14-15: mobilizations to challenge the war makers and defend humanity. The future is in our hands.

Global Days Against Military Spending, April 14 – May 3... to ask for a redirection of military spending. 2018 slogan will be: Reducing 10% of military assets will help save our planet. Take action!

We must move a significant part of the military budgets to human needs! For more information visit the [GCOMS website](#).

from Bernie Sanders: “Late last month, the Koch Brothers and their network committed to spend up to \$400 million on the 2018 election as a thank you for the ...tax cuts for the rich, and "to change the trajectory of this country." ...They are also working aggressively to move toward the privatization of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Social Security, Medicare and public education. In fact, they want to repeal virtually every piece of major legislation passed since the 1930s designed to protect the elderly, the children, the sick, the poor and the environment... [Sign my petition to say you support a constitutional amendment to overturn Citizens United. Congress needs to know that the American people want representatives in office who oppose the outsized influence millionaires and billionaires have on our elections.](#) ”

from aclu: **“The Cloud Act Is a Dangerous Piece of Legislation** - It threatens activists abroad, individuals here in the U.S., and would empower Attorney General Sessions in new disturbing ways... The bill starts by giving the executive branch dramatically more power than it has today... The CLOUD Act represents a major change in the law — and a major threat to our freedoms. Congress should not try to sneak it by the American people by hiding it inside of a giant spending bill. There has not been even one minute devoted to considering amendments to this proposal. Congress should robustly debate this bill and take steps to fix its many flaws, instead of trying to pull a fast one on the American people...” [Tell Congress: stop spying without a warrant](#) [Make the call](#)

from Friends Committee on National Legislation: **[Both of Alaska’s Senators] voted against S.J. Res. 54, the bipartisan legislation to end U.S. military involvement in the Saudi-led war in Yemen, which has [caused] the world’s largest humanitarian crisis. Yet thanks to lobbying from grassroots activists in the midst of this extraordinary pressure, we got the Senate to force its first-ever vote on ending an unauthorized war [and] were only seven votes shy of passing this legislation to end this illegal war, which has never been authorized by Congress. [Will you respond to your senators’ stances on this historic vote?](#) “**

Northern Alaska Environmental Center:

“We're in search of a few volunteers on movie night [Tues 3/27] to help with ticket sales, sharing and selling Northern Center information and swag, and, if needed, helping attendees find seats. We're asking that volunteers arrive at Schaible Auditorium by 5:45pm, and can attend the movie for free. If you'd like to help out, please let Erica know at erica@northern.org.

“The Army Corps of Engineers announced their intended environmental review timeline for the proposed Pebble Mine, starting with a brief 30 day scoping period beginning on April 1. [In a press release](#), Alannah Hurley of the United Tribes of Bristol Bay said, “The proposed 30-day scoping period for a project the size of Pebble is absurd. Such a short time frame will ultimately exclude not only the people of Bristol Bay, but all Alaskans. We will not have a meaningful opportunity to engage and provide critical input on how we will be impacted by the Pebble Mine.” Add your voice to those telling our elected officials that this rushed process is unacceptable. [Submit your letter and learn more here.](#)”

“Airwars update Feb 2018: a devastating month for Syria’s civilians...a massive 171 alleged Russian civilian casualty events... between 106 and 224 civilians likely killed in Coalition actions. On Feb 24th, the UN Security Council passed Resolution 2401, demanding an immediate country-wide ceasefire. This, however, was almost immediately broken by Russian and regime forces. Meanwhile, Turkey’s offensive in Afrin also continued... Turkey’s President Erdogan denied that the ceasefire applied to his country’s campaign in Syria...”

*“What would you do
if someone came to your door
with a cup in hand
asking for a contribution
to help buy guns
to kill a group of people
they didn't like?
— Wally Nelson*

The War Resisters League works with war tax resisters and works with [NWTRCC, the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee](#), and other war tax resistance groups; and produces the annual "federal budget "Pie Chart" flyer, [Where Your Income Tax Money Really Goes](#), the comprehensive book [War Tax Resistance: A Guide to Withholding Your Support from the Military](#) and other resources. All are available on our [online store](#), along with NWTRCC's important DVD, [Death & Taxes](#).

It is clear that the U.S. government's ability to threaten, coerce, and, if deemed necessary, make war on other nations is a direct result, not only of our economic might, but also the unprecedented size of our military arsenal, which is now far larger than that of all our allies and "enemies" combined. It is equally clear that the maintenance of this arsenal depends upon the willingness of the American people — through their federal tax payments — to finance it.

Refusal to pay taxes used to finance unjust wars, along with refusal by soldiers to fight in them, is a direct and potentially effective form of citizen noncooperation, and one that governments cannot ignore. War tax refusal has a long and honorable tradition among religious and secular opponents of war.

Refusal to pay all or a portion of one's federal taxes as a form of conscientious objection to war may involve personal risks. For that reason, material, and moral support for war tax refusers — including organizing support committees, raising support funds, and providing legal defense — is an important form of war resistance in itself.

-- [An Appeal to Conscience](#), 1984”

Music played with today's newscast:

- There But For Fortune, by Phil Ochs*
- A Letter to America, by Don Ross*
- Fish Cheer & I Feel Like I'm Fixin' to Die Rag, by Country Joe McDonald & the Fish*
- Links On the Chain, by Phil Ochs*
- Ballad of Medgar Evers, by Phil Ochs*
- Song of the Arctic, by Susan Grace*
- Make the Planet Earth Great Again, by David Rovics*

This summary of issues of importance to citizens of Interior Alaska, and information on how, when, and where to take action on those issues, has been brought to you by the Alaska Peace Center.

APC works for peace, justice, and sustainability - individually, in our community, and globally - with a commitment to nonviolent conflict resolution.

We bring in speakers, sponsor exhibits, and encourage dialogue within our community on these issues. We also maintain an office in conjunction with this radio station, KWRK.

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May Peace be with you! Have a good week!
