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Community News and Opportunities for Action,

*reporting on events & 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 November 18th, 2018

Be ready for opportunities to participate!

Day, Date	Time	Event Description, Contact information	Where?
November	all month	Native American Heritage Month ... In 1990, “the President... authorized and requested to call upon Federal, State and local Governments, groups and organizations and the people of the U.S. to observe ... with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities”. This was a landmark Bill honoring America’s Tribal people...Federal Agencies are encouraged to provide educational programs for their employees regarding Native American history, rights, culture and contemporary issues, to better assist them in their jobs and for overall awareness.” (Wikipedia)	Everywhere in U.S.
Sunday Nov 18	part of service which starts at 10:30 am	Born on Third Base - Reflections on White Privilege - We are not educated about racism in schools or mainstream culture. It can be difficult to acknowledge the privilege that comes with having been born a white American, so we may have a limited understanding of racism....	Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbks 4448 Pikes Landing Rd. (UUFF)
	1pm AK time	<i>For folks interested in possible health care justice, you can learn about what will be brought up in the New Mexico legislature 2019 The Albuquerque Forum on Faith and Politics is hosting a panel on the Health Security Act.</i> See the flyer below - under ‘Justie’- for details. The forum will also be live streamed: ---Go to the St. Andrew Presbyterian Church website at www.standrewabq.org ---Click on the "Live Stream" box on the Live Stream page ---Click for the live service, starting at 3:00 pm NM time (1pm AK time)	livestream at www.standrewabq.org
Monday Nov. 19	6:30pm	Fairbanks City Council Mtg & audio stream (http://mixlr.com/city_of_fairbanks/live)	Fairbanks City Hall, 800 Cushman Street
	6:30-8pm	FCAC Regular Regenerative Economy Working Group Mtg (posted on the Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition calendar, which can be found here .)	Native Movement (1327 Hayes Ave)
	7pm	Transgender Day of Remembrance. Join us ... for a movie and discussion: "The Death Life of Marsha P. Johnson". Victoria Cruz investigates the mysterious 1992 death of black gay rights activist and Stonewall veteran, Marsha P. Johnson, using archival interviews with Johnson, and new interviews with Johnson's family, friends and fellow activists	UUFF
Wednesday Nov. 21	5:30pm	Fairbanks Open Radio (KWRK-LP 90.9FM) weekly mtg - Come help with programming, shows, fund-raising... info@kwrk.org or 374-0577	3535 College Rd, suite 203, Fbks
	5:30-7pm ABQ time	<i>If in Albuquerque Nov. 21, you can attend The Counter-Narrative-Manifest Larceny: Land Disputes from Plymouth Rock to Standing Rock #WeShallContinue</i>	Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, ABQ
Saturday Nov. 24	7 pm	Winter Concert Fairbanks Peace Choir - “Creating a culture of peace through song” Director Flynn Ludington; Pianist Paul Krejci. Dessert follows. Suggested donation \$10. Send or print & share the poster .	UUFF

<u>After This Week</u>			
Wednesday Nov. 28	7-8:30pm	Northern Voices Speaker Series: Pilgrimage to Tibet and the Interconnectedness of All Things	
Friday Nov. 30	6 pm	Alaska Peace Center potluck, presentation by VFP member Alan Batten about the 2018 VPF Convention, and discussion. Join advocates for peace, justice, and sustainability, with good food, camaraderie, enlightenment, and discussion.	3535 College Rd, suite 203, above Fuji
Thurs. Dec. 6	5 or 5:30pm	Alaska Peace Center monthly mtg.	3535 College Rd, # 203
Sunday Dec. 9		<u>Tanana Valley Farmers Market Holiday Bazaar.</u>	Carlson Center
Friday, Dec. 28	6 pm potluck, 7 pm presentaion	Alaska Peace Center potluck and presentation of the San Francisco to Moscow Walk for Peace of 1960-1961, presented by Suzanne Rich Osborn, who was in the walk. Join advocates for peace, justice, and sustainability, with good food, camaraderie, enlightenment, and discussion.	3535 College Rd, suite 203, above Fuji
		<p><i>Alaska's Congressional delegation:</i> <i>Capitol switchboard 1-202-224-3121</i> <i>Rep Don Young in Fbks 456-0210; Email via web site: donyoung.house.gov;</i> <i>Sen Lisa Murkowski in Fbks: 456-0233/fax 451-7146; Email via: murkowski.senate.gov</i> <i>Sen Dan Sullivan in Fbks 456-0261/fax 451-7290; Email via: sullivan.senate.gov</i></p>	www.alaskapeace.org links to <u>Community organizations</u> & <u>contact info for local, state, and federal government representatives</u> .

Good News category:

from *SumofUs*: "BREAKING: we won on palm oil -- again! SumOfUs members like you just persuaded the global palm oil regulator, the RSPO, to strengthen its rules against deforestation and worker exploitation.

That's another win for orangutans, our rainforests and palm oil workers!

Thousands of you emailed and tweeted at the RSPO, ahead of a crucial vote yesterday at the palm oil event of the year held in the heart of orangutan territory, in Malaysian Borneo. Together, we persuaded the RSPO's membership of civil society organizations, palm oil traders, growers, and big brands, to improve the industry standards. That's a huge win for people power.

However, without proper enforcement, this new set of 'Principles & Criteria' won't be worth more than the paper it's printed on. We need to continue to pressure the RSPO and its members to walk the talk and produce truly sustainable palm oil."

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

Peace

from World BEYOND War: "**To: Would-Be Leaders of the US House of Representatives**
From: [you]

We urge you to give back all funding from war profiteers and to commit to not accepting it in the future.

Click here to sign.

These names have been discussed as possible committee chairs or ... other leadership positions. Next to each ...is the amount of money they've taken from the military industrial complex for their 2018 election campaign: Adam Smith \$228,750 Steny Hoyer \$163,856...[12 others]...Jerrold Nadler \$0... Those near the bottom of the list

Justice

from UAF School of Natural Resources and Extension: "**AgrAbility grant supports work with disabled farmers**

Extension has received a four-year \$679,000 grant to help Alaska farmers and other agricultural workers with disabilities. The grant is one of 14 awarded to Extension projects around the country as part of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture's [AgrAbility program](#). A NIFA announcement said, "The projects focus on increasing independent living and the quality of life for agricultural workers with

Sustainability

from *Consumer Reports*: "An outbreak of a deadly, drug-resistant strain of *Salmonella* in turkey continues to sicken consumers across the U.S.. Yet neither the turkey industry nor the USDA has publicly released any details about which turkey producers or brands are part of this outbreak that has hospitalized 63 people and killed one.

[Join with us in calling for a public listing of turkey producers and brands involved in this outbreak. This is critical health information consumers should have before Thanksgiving!](#)

above may possibly have merely received donations from employees not coordinated by their employers. They can still refund that money, especially as it is small amounts. **Those at and near the top of the list above are shamelessly making themselves the puppets of people profiting from bloodshed. Add your name to the petition here.**

Background:

- > [Weapons Makers Rushing Campaign Cash to Democrat in Line to Chair Defense Industry's Key House Committee](#)
- > [Peacemakers, Warmongers and Fence Sitters: Who Represents You?](#)
- > [CODE PINK Peace Voter Guide](#)
- > [Open Secrets."](#)

from C. Miller via Stop the War Machine:
"Just today the Pentagon posted a **massive Navy SEAL expansion on to beaches on all Hawaiian islands.** A horrible, dangerous to civilians and environmentally destructive effort. As a Hawaiian peace activist challenges: **Come on elected officials: Stand up, speak up against military intrusion everywhere. Stop this madness! The potential for panic and the potential for unintended violent clashes from frightened locals or tourists if they see someone (Special Ops enemy role player) with a gun at Mauna Kea Park playground, or elsewhere, should not be taken lightly.** (http://malu-aina.org/?p=5702&fbclid=IwAR0YkKnkvzOAUck72tUH_oG3SvRcG-20K6DnpdKrnzXvbF3eR3CCgPMfDu0) There is also a current NEPA proposal for more bombing ranges to practice dropping bombs. Hawai'i is facing huge Pentagon expansions all while base housing has been exposed as toxic. See the very active facebook page of MCBH and Pearl Harbor Housing Issues(<https://www.facebook.com/MCBHHousingIssues/>) Also Hawai'i Peace and Justice (<https://www.facebook.com/hawaiipeaceandjustice/>)"

from CODEPINK : "Town Hall on Militarism discusses the costs of militarism, weapons and war, and examines the effect and workings of the U.S. military-industrial complex, before looking at what work is taking place in the U.S. and around the world to end militarism and build a more just and peaceful world... [58.5 minutes] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o-zsaoqd11c>"

disabilities by providing them and their families with farm safety education, assistive technology help and networking support, enabling them to return to/remain active and successful in agriculture production."

Art Nash, who will coordinate the Alaska project, said agricultural vocations could include farmers, fishermen and wood harvesters. The program may provide assistance to individuals with arthritis, spinal cord or brain injuries, amputations, cerebral palsy, and visual, hearing, respiratory and back impairments.

Nash said Extension will work with state and federal agencies and disability service providers about meeting the needs of farmers and veterans interested in agricultural employment and will refer to other agencies as needed. Extension will partner with Access Alaska, which provides independent living services to people with disabilities. Access Alaska will assess what modifications are needed to perform certain tasks and will fabricate or provide some of the needed modifications. One goal is to raise awareness of the possibility of agricultural careers. Extension agents will also teach individuals about the fundamentals of growing and selling crops and raising livestock. That could range from individuals trying to grow gardens and sell at farmers markets to larger enterprises, Nash said. DeShana York is the co-PI on the project and will coordinate with other agencies and serve as the principal point of contact for the program. She can be reached at ddyork@alaska.edu or 907-786-6330."

from The Health Security for New Mexicans Campaign,: "Developed with input from residents around the state, the **Health Security Plan** is designed like a cooperative and is a health coverage model that does not rely on the private insurance system. Plan members would have complete freedom of choice of health care provider and facility (no more networks), even across state lines, and would receive the same services currently offered to state employees.

"Legislation to implement the Health Security Plan has been introduced in the state legislature several times as the **Health Security Act.** In 2017, the Health Security Plan Analysis Act passed the NM House of Representatives on a 37-27 vote--a major step forward.

from Northern Alaska Environmental Center: "The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) announced today that they will publish a Notice of Intent (NOI) Nov.16 for initiating the Environmental Impact Statement for leasing in the Beaufort Sea... marking the start of a 30 day scoping period, when the public can submit comments in writing to the agency..."

"We will continue to work to keep oil development out of Alaska's seas. The risks to our climate, ecosystems, and communities are too great, and those who would be most impacted by offshore drilling are **already experiencing the effects of rapid climate change.**

"Webinar Recording: The Truth About Seismic Testing in the Arctic. If you missed the webinar Native Movement hosted last week, or if you attended but want to review, the recording is now available on Facebook here, or by signing in to Zoom. This important and informative conversation brought together experts on various aspects of what seismic testing would mean for the coastal plain, and what scientists and communities have learned from past experiences. Panelists include Chief Gilbert Trimble, Dr. Martha Reynolds, Andrew McDonald, Councilor Dana Tizya-Tramm, Subhankar Banerjee, and Torre Jorgensen.

":: Decolonizing Thanksgiving: A toolkit for Combatting Racism in Schools. By taking a decolonizing approach to teaching about Thanksgiving, teachers and families reject the myths of Thanksgiving and harmful stereotypes about Native peoples... Age of Awareness/Medium.com.

":: In Photos: The Canadian Mining Boom You've Never Seen Before. A new study from the United Nations Environment Programme notes Canada has had seven known mine tailings spills in the last decade, only one less than China, which tops the list. ... This photo essay explores mines along the Alaska/Canada border. *The Narwhal*.

":: Alaska Fuel Use Study. Alaska households face high energy costs and cold winters. However, there is no data on home heating fuel use for Fairbanks. The Alaska Center for Energy and Power (ACEP) at the University of Alaska Fairbanks is recruiting participants for an 18-month study on home heating fuel oil use."

from Union of Concerned Scientists: "Stop Funding Climate Denial! Our recent report gave Chevron a score of "egregious" for their refusal to renounce climate disinformation. The company downplays and mischaracterizes climate science and maintains leadership roles in industry groups such as the American Legislative Exchange

from congress.gov: "H.R.4415 - To establish the policy of the United States regarding the **no-first-use of nuclear weapons** [has gained a 5th] Cosponsor: Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]"

"America's 'war on terror' has cost the US nearly \$6 trillion and killed roughly half a million people, and there's no end in sight (far higher than the Pentagon's official calculation of \$1.5 trillion because it goes beyond Defense Department appropriations and includes the cost of "spending across the federal government that is a consequence of these wars.")

"The war has been accompanied by hundreds of thousands of deaths as well as violations of human rights and civil liberties, both at home and abroad.

"Between 480,000 and 507,000 people have been killed in the United States' post-9/11 wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan - including nearly 7,000 US troops - according to the Costs of War project.

"Beyond the monetary issues related to the so-called war on terror, there's a massive human cost as well." --*excerpts from /www.businessinsider.com/the-war-on-terror-has-cost-the-us-nearly-6-trillion-2018-11*

from Global Network "We hope our friends in the northwest can work on Rep. Adam Smith who in the next Congress will chair the House Armed Services Committee that will be key in **determining the future of Trump's expensive and highly provocative proposal for the 'Space Force'**. You can contact Rep. Smith at <https://adamsmith.house.gov/contact> -Bruce [politico.com/newsletters/politico-space/2018/11/16/space-force-price-tag-shrinks-347878](https://www.politico.com/newsletters/politico-space/2018/11/16/space-force-price-tag-shrinks-347878)

PENTAGON: WE CAN SELL THE SPACE FORCE DESPITE DEMOCRATIC HEADWINDS. In the face of multiple predictions that the Democratic takeover of the House could ground the Trump administration's proposed Space Force the Pentagon doesn't seem so worried.

"One of the harshest Space Force critics is Rep. Adam Smith, who's widely expected to lead the House Armed Services Committee and has raised concerns about the price tag of a new bureaucracy... the Space Force will cost [\$5 to] **\$13 billion ... Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson estimated** ... The Pentagon's formal legislative proposal to establish a sixth branch of the military is due to the White House Office of Management and Budget by Dec. 1."

"The Health Security Act will be introduced in the 2019 New Mexico legislative session.... www.nmhealthsecurity.org"

from ktuu.com 11/5/18: "(AP...The Fairbanks Daily News-Miner reports the state Department of Public Safety has made progress in addressing the **backlog of untested [sexual assault] kits across the state**, bringing the number down from nearly 3,000 last year to about **2,500 this year**.

According to the department's report to the state Legislature last week, the crime lab expects to test all kits in three to four years [by creating a dedicated team]..."

"Justice delayed is justice denied." (quote attributed to Wm Gladstone)

from American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU): "the Senate held a confirmation hearing for Trump's pick for director of National Park Service, Raymond David Vela – the official who would have the power to implement **proposed rules[that] would ban protests** from 80 percent of the White House sidewalk, limit the ability to engage in spontaneous demonstrations in response to breaking news on the National Mall and near the White House, and even open the door to charging a fee for anyone who wants to exercise their constitutional free speech rights. It would also enact unprecedented restrictions on signs, banners, and speakers' platforms.

If fee requirements were in effect in the 1960s, they could have blocked some of the most important demonstrations in our country's history from ever happening, like the March on Washington and Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech. **As a constituent of Senator Murkowski, you have an important role in this fight.** Your senator is on the committee that will soon vote on whether to confirm Vela. [Send a message to Senator Murkowski right now: Vela must pledge to reject Trump's unconstitutional anti-protest rules.](#)"

"We've started drawing up a list of some of our key civil rights and liberties priorities: We're fighting for women's rights, criminal justice reform, LGBTQ equality, voting rights, and protecting the Russia investigation that may now be in danger after Jeff Sessions' forced resignation. **But we want to hear from you. What are your priorities? Take this short survey to let us know which issues are most important to you for our new Congress.**"

Council (ALEC) that spread disinformation and block real climate action. With ExxonMobil being the latest fossil fuel company to leave the group after public and shareholder pressure, Chevron remains the only major investor-owned oil and gas company still funding ALEC. [Tell Chevron to stop funding climate disinformation and end its support of ALEC!](#)

"Across the country, families are exposed to dangerous chemicals in their water—and the families most at risk are those living on or near military bases.... UCS recently released a [factsheet that investigated PFAS contamination at US military bases](#), and the results were unsettling. A new report from the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) says that the threshold for danger from PFAS starts much lower than previously suspected—and that sites across the country are at risk. According to ASTDR, PFAS exposure studies have indicated certain PFAS may have negative health effects: developmental issues in infants and children, increased cancer risk, high cholesterol levels, hormone disruption, lowered immunity..." **Testing at 131 military sites found only one site with safe levels of PFAS; 87 sites had "Extreme contamination- More than 100x safe limit."**

from vox.com, shared by a local esident:

"Here are the goals [an Ocasio-Cortez] resolution sets for the Green New Deal: (1) 100% of national power generation from renewable sources; (2) Building a national, energy-efficient, "smart" grid; (3) Upgrading every residential and industrial building for state-of-the-art energy efficiency, comfort and safety; (4) Decarbonizing the manufacturing, agricultural and other industries; (5) Decarbonizing, repairing and improving transportation and other infrastructure; (6) Funding massive investment in the drawdown and capture of greenhouse gases; (7) Making "green" technology, industry, expertise, products and services a major export of the United States, with the aim of becoming the undisputed international leader in helping other countries transition to completely carbon neutral economies and bringing about a global Green New Deal..."

from Friends of the Earth: "Dow Chemical is pushing the EPA to approve expanded use of its highly toxic pesticide sulfoxaflor despite a

from Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL): **“Progress on Protections for Native Women!”** [Nov. 14] Savanna’s Act (S.1942/H.R.4485) was unanimously passed out of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. It now awaits action from the full Senate.

“Savanna’s Act is named after Savanna Greywind, a... Dakota woman who ...was found brutally murdered in Aug 2017.

“Native women and girls face a murder rate that’s 10 times the national average, and more than 4 in 5 Native women have experienced violence. This legislation will help law enforcement officers respond to and track cases of Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls. Now that the bill is out of committee we need Congress to act. Tell your legislators to [pass Savanna’s Act](#) before year end.”

“A new [study](#) published in the Journal of the American Medical Association... shows how the effects of childhood trauma persist and are linked to mental illness and addiction in adulthood. And, researchers say, it suggests that it might be **more effective to approach trauma as a public health crisis** than to limit treatment to individuals... [T]he SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, a [bipartisan bill](#) to address the opioid crisis ...was signed into law Oct 24. The law recognizes links between early childhood trauma and substance abuse. It includes grants to improve trauma support services in schools, created a task force to provide recommendations on how the federal government can help families whose lives have been impacted by trauma and substance abuse, and requires the Dept of Health and Human Services to help early childhood and education providers spot and address trauma...” *from National Public Radio*

court ruling that it poses risks to bees and the environment. [Get Involved.](#)”

“A mine can’t legally operate in Alaska unless the owner makes financial assurances it can pay for remediation... and that is not required in British Columbia... [T]here’s precedent for mine operators in British Columbia going bankrupt and walking away...” See “AK urges B.C. to toughen mining standards” at AK Public Media 11/2/18.

Spotlight

The Reclaim Armistice Day 100th Anniversary celebration November 11th, co-sponsored by Fairbanks Peace Choir, North Star Veterans For Peace chapter 146, Alaska Peace Center, and World BEYOND War was a wonderful success, filling the hall at JP Jones Community Development Center. The radio broadcast included a few selections of the music played then. You can access Fairbanks Daily News Miner’s front-page coverage of the event [here](#), and a letter to the editor about it [here](#).

Songs heard with today’s broadcast:

-- Nelson Antonio playing *What a Wonderful World & Peace Like a River* on trumpet & vocals
-- Fairbanks Peace Choir singing *Last Night I Had the Strangest Dream & Where Have All the Flowers Gone*

-- Sophie Zhang playing the zither

--Fred Small with *Peace Is*

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- Thanks for listening, Fairbanks and the wider world"

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