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Community News and Opportunities for Action, WEEK of February 3rd, 2019

*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/kwrk.org Radio in Fairbanks, Alaska. Be ready for opportunities to participate!*

Day, Date	Time	Event Description, Contact information	Where?
February		Black History Month - - - FNSB School District/NAACP annual contest - Complete information at 'Feb. 12'	
		"The final Salcha-Badger Road Area Plan, slated for a mid-February 2019 release. Core components of the plan will include: ...Check the project website, salchabadger-plan.com , often for updates on community meetings and opportunities to learn and participate. " from shelly@agnewbeck.com	
Sunday February 3	xx	North Pole Zone - Stage 2; Fairbanks Zone - Stage 1 air alert in effect. Expires Feb 3 at 12pm. No burning w/o a waiver or NOASH. For more info call 451-2132 or visit http://dec.alaska.gov/fnsbair There were alerts Wed-Friday as well. Report air quality concerns to DEC: online form or to report an incident by phone to the DEC (451-3146 in Fairbanks)	
	about noon?	Kids Environmental Action (KEA) meet "this Sunday after [UUFF] service and once or twice a month thereafter. Anyone interested is invited to join. KEA kids are currently working on banning plastic bags from Fairbanks and supporting AYEa with banning them state wide by writing letters and creating artwork to send to stores, the Daily Newsminer, and the borough assembly, by collecting signatures, and educating the public. If you can't make it on Sundays you can join the weekly meetings at Boreal Sun Charter School at 3.30." Email fairbanksclimateaction@gmail.com	Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbks, 4448 Pikes Landing Rd
Monday February 4	5:15 pm	Defend The Arctic Refuge: Fairbanks mtg/hearing - The comment period has been extended to March 13. Public meetings will also be held in Ft. Yukon Feb. 7, Arctic Village Feb. 9, and Venetie Feb. 10. <i>per Northern Alaska Environmental Center:</i> "If you are able, please plan to arrive at 5:00, in time for the second planned presentation, and to stand together to show that Fairbanks doesn't want to sell off the Refuge. The open house meeting format does not allow attendees to hear each other's testimony; instead, oral testimony will be delivered one on one to a stenographer..." More under 'Sustainability.'	Carlson Center, Fbks
	7 pm	∴ Arctic Audubon Talk: "The Bears of McNeil River: Photographs of bears, landscape and other animals at McNeil River Reserve and How to get there." with Bud Marschner, photographer. Bud has been photographing wildlife in Alaska for the last 25 years and has been to McNeil River 4 times and gone at different times of years. At different times of the season, the guides will take you to different parts of the reserve as the bears are at different places depending on the places the salmon are. Free. Contact arcticaudubon@gmail.com with questions.	Noel Wien Library Auditorium, 1215 Cowles st
Tuesday February 5	6:45-8:30 pm	Peace Choir: Join the spirit uplift by attending Fairbanks Peace Choir. Spring rehearsals begin February 5, in the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbks (UUFF) sanctuary. Flyn Ludington, director, Paul Krejci, pianist - Creating a culture of peace through song! Come early to register. \$75 donation asked. Scholarships available. Info. 457-8086.	UUFF, 4448 Pikes Landing Rd

		Organic Consumers Association: #GreenNewDeal livestream Sign up to attend a watch party. or host one. Let us know	& see the original gp.org/green_new_deal
	7 pm	Science for Alaska Lecture Series: Alaska climate prospects : Some like it hot from Martin Stuefer, UAF. Are you interested in a free, fun way to get out of the house and learn about science that impacts you, your community and the state? The Science for Alaska Lecture Series has you covered. Lectures will be Tuesdays through March 5; complete schedule here .	Raven Landing Center, Cowles St
Wed. Feb. 6	5:30 pm	Fairbanks Open Radio weekly mtg - Come help with programming, shows, fund-raising... info@kwrk.org or 374-0577	3535 College Rd,
Thursday February 7	5:30pm	Alaska Peace Center monthly mtg. Come help create events to promote peace, justice, and sustainability! All welcome. For more information contact info@alaskapeace.org .	3535 College Rd, suite 203
Friday, February 8	Applica- tion Deadline	“Members Wanted - Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils - Help advise the Federal Subsistence Board on the management of fish and wildlife resources on Federal public lands and other subsistence issues in your region. For an application call (800) 478-1456 or (907) 786-3880 or visit www.doi.gov/subsistence ”	statewide
Saturday February 9	10am-4pm	“Green Star is Recycling Electronics Every Saturday! - You can sign up here to come in and help out!”	1205 1st Ave
	1-4pm	Women's March Follow Up Mtg - Public · Hosted by Fairbanks Activists Forum - FAF	UUFF, 4448 Pikes
	2 - 4 pm	Fundraiser: Friends of Mary Siah Rec Center - About the cause - The Friends of Mary Siah Recreation Center are a group of citizens working to keep the rec center open and operational. Mary Siah is the only handicapped accessible swimming pool in the area and offers many much needed and valued services to our community. Created by Paint Nite Fairbanks .	Mayan Palace Restaurant, 3401 Airport Way
		<i>After This Week</i>	
Monday February 11		‘[T]he comment period on the Draft EIS for Coastal Plain leasing is open until February 11. Public meetings have yet to be scheduled. For more information, talking points, and background, visit northern.org . ’	
	6-7pm	Monthly IWW Fairbanks Mtg : “Fellow Workers - please join us for the monthly Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) Fairbanks meeting at the Bread Line Inc.'s Stone Soup Cafe at 6pm on the second Monday of each month. All Wobblies (and recruit prospects) are welcome and encouraged to come.” <i>Info: iwwfbx@gmail.com</i>	507 Gaffney Rd
	6:30pm	Fairbanks City Council Mtg <i>Agendas and calendar at https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/calendar/month/...</i> links live City Council Mtgs and other City Board and Commission Mtgs, when available. Council Mtgs are also aired live on KFBX AM 970 radio. audio stream (http://mixlr.com/city_of_fairbanks/live)	Fairbanks City Hall, 800 Cushman St
Tuesday Feb. 12		University of Alaska Fbks Cooperative Extension Service Certified Food Protection Manager training “ Sign up by Jan. 30 so that you can become familiar with the study book before class. Studying is recommended! Register at http://bit.ly/cesCFPMIf you are in another location, please contact jmcascio@alaska.edu with location info before signing up so videoconference and proctoring can be arranged. Website: www.uaf.edu/ces Flier CFPM 2.12.19.pdf ” <i>from Cooperative Extension Service Tanana District</i>	videoconference in Fairbanks, Delta Junction, Juneau, Palmer, Sitka and Valdez.
	4 pm contest deadline	Black History Month - “The Fairbanks North Star Borough School District has partnered with the NAACP to host an annual contest for all students in kindergarten through 12th grade. The contest celebrates Black History Month and the lifelong work and educational advocacy of Alaska Senator Bettye Davis. Students of all ages can enter the contest... - Kindergarten - 3 rd grade: label & color 3 pictures of notable African Americans from...: bit.ly/2STJJwX or bit.ly/2DaLGj2 .	

		<p>- 4th-6th Grades: create a poster featuring at least five African Americans who made a difference in their lives.</p> <p>- 7th-8th Grades: submit a typewritten, original, 150-word essay that includes a notable African American. Add an illustration with original artwork.</p> <p>- 9th & 10th Grades... submit a typed, original 250-word essay using this year's theme: "Be Creative Through Fine Arts, Past or Present." Include a notable African American in the essay and illustrate it with original artwork.</p> <p>- 11th & 12th graders ...essay. The theme is the same, but it is 350 words long and should also include an original artwork. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places with an honorable mention in each grade.</p> <p>Return entries to the school district's EEO Department, 520 Fifth Ave. by 4 p.m. on Feb. 12. For more information, contact David Rucker at 452-2000, Ext. 11466 or david.rucker@k12northstar.org. Reach columnist/community editor Kris Capps at kcapps@newsminer.com."</p>	
	6:45-8:30 pm	Peace Choir: Join the spirit uplift by attending Fairbanks Peace Choir. Spring rehearsals begin February 5, in the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbks (UUFF) sanctuary. Flyn Ludington, director, Paul Krejci, pianist - Creating a culture of peace through song! Come early to register. \$75 donation asked. Scholarships available. Info. 457-8086.	UUFF, 4448 Pikes Landing Rd
Thursday February 14	6 pm	Regular FNSB Assembly mtg, (Fbks North Star Borough); http://www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/assembly/Pages/Assembly-Calendar.aspx?Category=Municipal%20Election%20Day Regular%20Assembly%20Meeting&mm=1&yy=2019	Borough bldg, 907 Terminal St, Fbks
Wed Feb. 13	5:30 pm	Fairbanks Open Radio weekly mtg - Come help with programming, shows, fund-raising... info@kwrk.org or 374-0577	3535 College Rd,
	6:30pm	Sustainability Commission mtg. Agenda includes citizens' comments, consent agenda* including Sustainability Plan- Final, FNSB Energy Handbook, (planning) presentation of the Plan. Contact: Brittany Smart, Special Assistant to the Mayor Fairbanks North Star Borough/ Direct: (907) 459-1302 *per Robert's Rules of Order, "The consent agenda (or in some cases, the consent calendar) allows members to vote on a group of items en bloc (as a group) without discussion. This is a good way to dispose of business that is noncontroversial."	Fbks North Star Borough Assembly Chambers
Saturday February 16	5:30 pm	Chinese New Year celebration presented by UAF Chinese Student Association - Celebration includes: Buffet dinner, stage show [Chinese dances, singing (Chinese opera aria & songs) Chinese instrument playing, and open floor dancing] Tickets: \$20 Adults, \$10 Children (5 to 12) Contact: Rosalind Kan < rjkan@alaska.edu > (907) 474-0928 or others listed on the flier Flyer 2019 Chinese New Year.JPG	UAF Ballroom in Wood Center
Wednesday March 6		Social Justice Book Club: "White Fragility" by Robin DiAngelo. Public· Hosted by <u>Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fairbanks</u>	4448 Pikes Landing Rd

<p>(Some) Issues of Peace, Justice, and Sustainability to be brought up</p> <p>This week in the Alaska Legislature:</p> <p>--Consideration of Governor's Appointees: Commissioner Doug Vincent-Lang, Dept of Fish & Game -- <i>Public Testimony; teleconferenced...</i> "One of the main tasks the Legislature is designated to address, found in the Alaska State Constitution, is to confirm by a majority of the ... Legislature in joint session, appointments by the Governor... Commissioners-designees..."</p> <p>--to AK Labor Relations Agency: Paula Harrison, Bob Shefchik; to Dept of Education & Early Development: Dr. M. Johnson</p> <p>-- Big Game Commercial Services Board: Jason Bunch - Kodiak Cash Joyce - Wasilla Tom Harris - Anchorage</p> <p>-- SB 22 SHELLFISH ENHANCE. PROJECTS; HATCHERIES</p> <p>-- Negotiated Labor Contracts - teleconferenced</p> <p>-- Presentations: Crime in AK; Recidivism & Impact of Incarceration & Facilities by Dept of Corrections</p> <p>-- SB 32: Crimes; Sentencing; Ment. Illness; Evidence - testimony & teleconference <Invitation Only></p> <p>-- Anticipated AK Judiciary Budget Request</p> <p>-- Presentation: Dept Natural Resources Update on Public Access Assertion & Defense Issues & AK Statehood Act</p> <p>Federal Land Conveyances - teleconf; testimony by invitation only</p> <p>-- Presentation: Gov's Council on Disabilities & Special Education. Teleconf & Testimony by invitation only.</p>	<p>----You can follow 360 North, Alaska's public affairs channel, at https://www.360north.org or on KUAC TV 9.9, including "Gavel Alaska," unedited live, tape-delayed coverage of state government activities, AK Supreme Court, and more.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Schedule http://w3.legis.state.ak.us/. (Check for updates, as it often changes!)</p>
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<p><u>Interior Alaska Legislators</u> State Representatives Bart LeBon (R) Fairbanks District 1; 907-465-3709 Toll-Free:877-665-3709; Email LeBon representative.bart.lebon@akleg.gov Steve Thompson (R) Fairbanks Distr. 2; 907-465-3004; Toll-Free:877-465-3004; Email Thompson representative.steve.thompson@akleg.gov Tammie Wilson (R) North Pole Distr. 3; 907-465-4797; Toll-Free: 800-860-4797; Email Wilson representative.tammie.wilson@akleg.gov Grier Hopkins (D) Fairbanks Distr. 4; 907-465-4457; Toll-Free: 800-928-4457; Email Hopkins representative.grier.hopkins@akleg.gov Adam Wool (D) Fairbanks Distr. 5; 907-465-4976; Toll-Free: 866-465-4976; Email Wool representative.adam.wool@akleg.gov Dave Talerico (R) Healy Distr. 6; 907-465-4527, Toll-Free: 800-491-4527;Email Talerico representative.dave.talerica@akleg.gov State Senators Scott Kawasaki (D) Fairbanks Disstr. A; 465-3466, Toll-Free: 866-465-3466; Email Kawasaki senator.scott.kawasaki@akleg.gov John Coghill (R) North Pole Distr. B; 907-465-3719, Fax: 907-465-3258, Toll-Free:877-465-3719; Email Coghill senator.john.coghill@akleg.gov Click Bishop (R) Fairbanks Distr. C; 907-465-2327, Toll-Free: 800-336-7383; Email Me senator.click.bishop@akleg.gov</p>	<p>*****</p> <p>To send a msg to a legislator, contact (LIO) Legislative Information Office 452-4448, ste 308 - 1292 Sadler Way, Fbks Fax: 907-456-3346 Click HERE to visit the Alaska State Legislature Website Click HERE to live stream Alaska State Legislature Click HERE to send your legislator a Public Opinion Message during session</p>
<p>Bills affecting Peace, Justice, Sustainability in Congress: -- H.R. 1: For the People Act of 2019 - To expand Americans' access to the ballot box, reduce the influence of big money in politics, and strengthen ethics rules for public servants, and for other purposes. -- H.J.Res. 7: Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to abolish the electoral college and to provide for the direct election of the President and Vice President of the United States. -- H.R. 717: ... to prohibit a Federal firearms licensee from selling or delivering certain semiautomatic centerfire rifles to a person under 21 years of age, with exceptions for active duty military personnel and full-time law enforcement officers, and for other purposes. -- S. 7: Extreme Risk Protection Order and Violence Prevention Act of 2019 -- H.R. 282: SAFER Now Act --S. 66: Assault Weapons Ban of 2019 --H.R. 8: Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019</p>	
<p>Alaska's Congressional delegation: Capitol switchboard 1-202-224-3121 Rep Don Young in Fbks 456-0210; Email via web site: donyoung.house.gov; Sen Lisa Murkowski in Fbks: 456-0233/fax 451-7146; Email via: murkowski.senate.gov- Sen Dan Sullivan in Fbks 456-0261/fax 451-7290; Email via: sullivan.senate.gov</p>	<p>GovTrack.us is an independent website tracking the status of legislation in Congress and helping you participate...</p>
<p>Email Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly "To contact the full Assembly you may either send an email to assembly@fnsb.us, use this contact form,... or mail to PO Box 71267, Fairbanks, AK 99707. Written communications to individual Assembly Members regarding current matters before the Assembly will be copied to the full Assembly."</p>	
<p>Email Fairbanks City Council people (keep it polite, positive, and honest, and remember that any information you share about your identity and story is public record). (Per Doug Toelle, Access Alaska) cityclerk@fairbanks.us dpruhs@fairbanks.us jcleworth@fairbanks.us jmatherly@fairbanks.us jrogers@fairbanks.us kottersten@fairbanks.us skun@fairbanks.us vtherrien@fairbanks.us OR call our City Council people (feel free to leave a message after 5PM if that's easier) Jim Matherly - Mayor: (907) 459-6793 Shoshana Kun - Seat A: (907) 590-8313 June Rogers - Seat B: (907) 451-0122 Valerie Therrin - Seat C: (907) 388-0272 Kathryn Otterstein - Seat D: (907) 978-5461 Jerry Cleworth - Seat E: (907) 452-6461 David Pruhs - Seat F: (907) 750-2888</p>	<p>OR! leave a comment here: https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/citycouncil/webform/contact-council</p>

Peace

WASHINGTON -- A federal court ruled Tuesday that **Vietnam veterans who served on ships offshore during the war are eligible for benefits to treat illnesses linked to exposure to the chemical herbicide Agent Orange*** -- a decision that has the

potential to extend help to thousands of veterans. The Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit ruled 9-2 in favor of Alfred Procopio, Jr., 73, who served on the USS Intrepid during the Vietnam War. Procopio is one of tens of thousands of "Blue Water" Navy veterans who served aboard aircraft carriers, destroyers and other ships and were deemed ineligible for the same disability benefits as those veterans who served on the ground and inland waterways... 50,000 to 70,000 veterans could now become eligible for benefits... it will require the allocation of \$1.8 billion in fiscal 2019 and \$5.7 billion over 10 years." military.com

Victims of Agent Orange Relief Act of 2015 was reintroduced in Congress Feb. 1, 2019, by CA Rep. Barbara Lee. Per Veterans For Peace, this is 'an initiative of U.S. veterans, Vietnamese Americans, and all concerned about peace and justice. We insist our government honor its moral and legal responsibility to provide assistance to all AO victims--Vietnamese, U.S. veterans and our children, and others—and to the mitigate the environmental damage in Vietnam.... We are currently working to get cosponsors for the bill, and urge anyone interested in this effort to call on us... The U.S. government used 15 different herbicides, collectively known as Agent Orange, from 1962 to 1971, as part of its war in Vietnam to deny the enemy forces jungle cover and to destroy crops to drive the peasantry into refugee camps or cities. Agent Orange contained a contaminant, dioxin, one of the deadliest substances known, that continues to kill and sicken and estimated three million Vietnamese and many U.S. veterans of the Vietnam War. Some children of exposed U.S. veterans, Vietnamese, and Vietnamese Americans have been born with birth defects due to their parents' exposures. Moreover, even several decades after the war, Agent Orange remains in the land and water of Vietnam, causing illness within the Vietnamese population and sometimes horrific birth defects to several generations of children.'

from National Network Opposing the Militarization of Youth: "[counter-recruitment] NNOMY National Office

Justice

from www.GovTrack.us: "What should be the minimum age to purchase a semi-automatic weapon in the U.S.?"

H.R. 717: To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a Federal firearms licensee from selling or delivering certain semiautomatic centerfire rifles to a person under 21 years of age, with exceptions for active duty military personnel and [certain others] Under current law, one has to be 21 to purchase a handgun, but only 18 to purchase a semi-automatic assault rifle. This discrepancy was highlighted when last year's 19-year-old Parkland, Florida high school shooter legally purchased the semi-automatic weapon he used to carry out the shooting. Since then, several states increased their semi-automatic age to 21..."

from Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbks: "The Social Justice Committee is **collecting bedding, towels, and basic kitchen necessities to support the successful transition of previously incarcerated community members** with assistance from the Fairbanks Reentry Coalition. The collection box is in the foyer. Contact Alison Carter at alisoncarter2@yahoo.com for more information."

"Over \$12.6 million was reported to be paid to lobbyists in Alaska for 2018." *per Alaska Public Interest Research Group*. www.akpirg.org

from weareultraviolet: "[P]oliticians in Colorado have introduced what might be the most extreme anti-choice bill ever.¹ [It] bans abortion at the moment of conception. There are no exceptions for rape or incest. **And the penalty? Life in prison or the death penalty.**"

from standforsalmon.org: "...Over seven hundred allies of Bristol Bay submitted written comments to the [Senate Resources Committee re Jason Brune's confirmation hearing as **Commissioner of the Deptl of Environmental Conservation**] committee. Even better, thirty-four Alaskans appeared in person or called in to testify publicly. They told the committee and the world what they

Sustainability

from Northern Alaska Environmental Center: **"..January 30, BLM announced... the Fairbanks public hearing on the Draft EIS for oil and gas leasing in the Coastal Plain....**Monday, Feb. 4 [as above]... See our talking points here. See the complete meeting schedule here. Additionally, if you are an Alaska business owner, please sign on to this open letter to Dept of Interior leadership, the Alaska delegation, as well as the BLM public record. Share widely with your friends and colleagues, and make it clear that Alaska business owners understand that drilling in the Coastal Plain is bad for our communities, our planet, and our economy.

"And, you can write an op-ed or letter to the editor (LTE) sharing your reasons for supporting continued protections in the Coastal Plain; for inspiration, see Carolyn Kremers' recent op-ed here.

"And for some great tips on writing LTEs and op-eds, and other ways we can participate in the public process, check out the recording of Alyssa Quintyne's presentation Build Your Voice on Facebook. [\(LTE & op-ed tips start around minute 23:00\)](http://(LTE & op-ed tips start around minute 23:00))."

"The Dept of Natural Resources (DNR) has released their [proposed decision to grant Donlin Gold right-of-way \(ROW\)](http://proposed decision to grant Donlin Gold right-of-way (ROW)) for a proposed 315 mile long natural gas pipeline from Cook Inlet to the mine site ten miles north or Crooked Creek. The ROW would permanently impact approximately 3,750 acres of state land and cross hundreds of streams and rivers.

"DNR has announced a 60 day comment period and a series of public hearings ending March 29th. The [last public hearing \[that\] DNR held related to Donlin was for the Reclamation Plan Approval and Waste Management Permit](http://last public hearing [that] DNR held related to Donlin was for the Reclamation Plan Approval and Waste Management Permit) in Bethel. The agency later had to issue a public apology for their rude, dismissive attitude during the meeting. Still, their written responses to comments showed that this attitude persisted despite the apology, largely ignoring suggestions and concerns voiced by residents of Bethel, Napaskiak, Kalskag, and Kwigillingok who had traveled from all over the region to testify.

"The federal National Environmental Policy Act and the associated Environmental Impact Statement failed by not adequately incorporating the voices of the residents of the Kuskokwim. The EIS didn't require Donlin to build or operate the mine to the highest of environmental standards like Dry Stacked tailings, limit barge traffic

Intern needed at Peace Campus - [This internship... at the San Diego Friends Center will support the network's Peaceful Career Alternatives website and social media outreach in coordination with our production and campaign interns and staff... The position also presents opportunities for generating articles on issues relating to youth militarization in public schools in response to military recruitment efforts by the Department of Defense and the various programs the DoD generates to increase recruitment outcomes for the military... Posted by: gdghirardi@yahoo.com.]

January 31, 2019 by davidswanson **Congress Finds its War Powers and Weaknesses** -It's possible that the U.S. Congress will for the first time use the War Powers Resolution of 1973 to end a war — the one on Yemen. This would be wonderful. There are some caveats.

The bill now in both houses has outrageous and truly bizarre loopholes in it. Some of its supporters last year were apparently pretending to support it ...

What worries me are the other several current wars and dozens of permanent occupations, and Congressional efforts to impose a ban on ending them. Bills have now been introduced to prevent the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Syria or South Korea to anything below certain levels, unless numerous conditions are met... “

think of a Pebble shill being named our state's top environmental official as Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation...

“[T]his was just step one. Here is where Mr. Brune's nomination stands, and where it fits in the bigger picture:

1) Mr Brune still has to have a hearing in front of the House Resources Committee. The House still has not selected a speaker, so they cannot conduct business. Once they do, this hearing will be scheduled.

2) Mr. Brune has to face a confirmation vote on the floor of a joint session of the legislature. These votes typically happen near the end of session, so this is probably a couple months away. That leaves a lot of time to influence this process, so let your legislators and communities know how you feel about a mining zealot running the DEC.

3) Beyond the fate of this nomination, we have a chance to send a message. Local and national news has already picked up the Brune hearing. People watch these things... It matters when we make noise.”

from fairbanksclimateaction@gmail.com: “GVEA Board passed a carbon emissions reductions goal!

This sets GVEA the goal of 26% emissions reductions from 2012 levels by 2030. This has been in the works for a while, but our pressure undoubtedly helped to push the Board into finalizing this. Here is GVEA's writeup on the passage and here is a link to the policy that was passed itself. Tim Ellis also had a story on KUAC this morning about GVEA's green goals interviewing me (Tristan) on behalf of our campaign. Hopefully I did our points justice! You can listen in or read up here.”

during smelt spawning season, and it allowed Donlin to use a mining model that will require water treatment in perpetuity. So far, the state permitting process has similarly given the multinational mining corporation everything they want, and disregarded the concerns of those whose food security and clean water are threatened. We're glad to see that DNR is allowing for public comment on the ROW.

“As Dave Cannon, an Aniak-based biologist, wrote this week in the Delta Discovery,

"(T)he State has never before permitted a mine designed with a pit lake two-miles long and 1,800' deep – filled with toxic wastewater – that will require water treatment in perpetuity. What about human and mechanical failure? Don't forget, this project is off the road system. Perpetuity is forever!"

“It's our job as the public to comment and to ensure DNR is held to a higher standard. You can submit your comments here.

– **∴ Brazil Dam Disaster: 60 People Are Dead, With Hundreds More Missing**. Search crews are looking for up to 300 missing people in southeastern Brazil, after a dam at an iron ore mining complex collapsed Friday, releasing a deluge of muddy mine waste that swallowed part of a town. Since then, the death toll has risen to 60, according to Brazilian media outlets citing the area fire brigade, and the safety practices of the mine's owner have come under scrutiny. NPR.’

– “The deadline to comment on the proposed revision of the Integrated Activity Plain and associated EIS in the Western Arctic has been extended once again, following the 35 day government shutdown. **The comment period now ends February 15... See our Action Alert here (note that it was written prior to recent extension)**.”

Good News category (with more still needing to be done):

JROTC Shooting Ranges Removed from Two Schools

On February 14, 2018, the unthinkable but all-too-common happened. A mass shooting occurred at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. Rumors about the identity of the shooter were that he was a former student who had been in JROTC. One week later, on Democracy Now, Amy Goodman's guest was Pat Elder, the director of the National Coalition to Protect Student Privacy. This organization works to counter the access that the military has to students in high schools. Mr. Elder went on to state that the shooter was trained in the marksmanship program at the same high school. On the day of the murders, the shooter wore his JROTC shirt...

[When it was discovered that more high schools in San Diego had shooting ranges as part of JROTC, teachers, community activists, parents and students formed the Education Not Arms Coalition (ENAC).]

Long Beach Recruitment Awareness Project is an organization that has been working to safeguard the privacy of students through what we call truth-in-recruitment.

Military recruiters in our school district can visit the schools almost any time they wish. They collect student contact information and use it to pursue them.

We have documented cases of students who have been hounded by recruiters without their parents' consent and lured by false promises to join the military...

[We] decided to put together a flyer and a petition and begin a campaign to rid the school district of these shooting ranges.

On March 24, Long Beach had their own March for Our Lives rally that was organized by high school students in the area... collected signatures and distributed our petition.

Many people were shocked to learn that Long Beach Unified School District had these shooting ranges.

...[O]ver the summer... the active shooting ranges at Poly High School and Lakewood High School had been closed permanently!

... There is still an awful lot we need to do to educate the students and their parents about issues of privacy and the military's presence in schools.

Also, while there are peace clubs at some campuses, we could use more at selected schools *from nnomy.org*

per Project Yano (Project on Youth & Non-Military Opportunities), "Schools nationwide are required to maintain a zero tolerance policy toward firearms, and the presence of firing ranges on school grounds is a direct contradiction to that." M-1's and CMP and Lead January 03, 2012 Report by Pat Elder -

In 2002, Youth shooting programs at the Tanana Valley (AK) Sportsmen's Association... shooting range have been halted after 10 members of the Lathrop High School rifle team were found to have high concentrations of lead in their blood.

<http://www.shootersforum.com/general-discussion/4292-indoor-shooting-ranges-proper-ventilation.html>

>Blood lead screening in Alaska shows dangerous levels associated with school firing ranges. <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5423a1.htm>

"... During 2002--2004, the Alaska Environmental Public Health Program conducted lead-exposure assessments of school-based indoor shooting teams in the state, after a BLL of 44 µg/dL was reported in a man aged 62 years who coached a high school shooting team in central Alaska. This report summarizes the results of the investigation of potential lead exposure in 66 members of shooting teams, aged 7--19 years, who used five indoor firing ranges..."

"Although outdoor firing ranges put more lead into the environment than nearly any other major industrial sector in the United States, they remain almost entirely unregulated. In just two years a typical outdoor firing range can have lead contamination equivalent to a five-acre Superfund site. <http://noflac.org/http://noflac.org/lead/>

Spotlights

"It could save your child's life," writes Kate Wool in a letter to the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, referring folks to <http://askingsaveskids.org/>, for information on how to ask if there are unsecured guns where your child might go or visit. There is a wealth of information, resources, links, videos, and this pair of facts:

"17,000+ youth are injured or killed each year due to gun violence; the 2nd leading cause of death among children and teens"

"Sarnia's **pollution issues continue** - the best MSM report: <https://globalnews.ca/video/3802806/canadas-toxic-secret-a-troubling-trend-of-leaks-and-spills-in-the-sarnia-area>

Closer to home, similar health risks continue. The presence of **harmful chemicals in Fairbanks' water**, at levels slightly above/below various EPA-established thresholds (i.e., established only after industry lobbyists mitigate any regulatory impacts):<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/projects/toxic-waters/contaminants/ak/fairbanks-north-star/ak2310730-golden-heart-utilities/index.html> <https://www.akwater.com/cuc-ccr.pdf>

Fascinating that after the Trump Administration initially advocated slashing endocrine disruptor regs, then fast-tracked the research, then just 47 minutes ago, the EWG announced the Trump Administration is backing off: <https://cen.acs.org/content/cen/articles/96/i11/Endocrine-disruptor-assays-fast-track.html>
<https://www.ewg.org/release/sources-trump-epa-won-t-set-drinking-water-limit-pfas-chemicals>

Note Chemical and Engineering News is the same industry trade journal I'd seen at work, which first alerted me to the health problems caused by water fluoridation. This got me highly engaged with Douglas Yates's peer-reviewed-science campaign that turned around the skeptics, eventually halting Fairbanks's water fluoridation in 2011. -ED

from Douglas Yates:" **Chemical Pollution: Abnormal Birth Rates in Canadian Native Reserve-Dow, Bayer, Shell, Lanxess, Suncor in the area** Epoch Times, Jun 09, 2006 - <http://www.cbgnetwork.org/4.html> ... [Canada: Facilities Ordered To Take Action To Ensure Safe Operation...](#) [Canada: Bayer, Shell running afoul of provincial laws"](#)

Hello this is Rob Mulford with the Asymmetric Moose Music Picks for the week of February 3rd, 2019. This week in honor of KWRK-LP's third anniversary on the air I have selected, for my first tune, a song about something we are not, purveyors of lip-smacking sugar coated subterfuge-oozing deteriorata for capital and the state, the tune is I'm The Slime by Frank Zappa and the Mothers if Invention

Next is a haunting tune about a hateful viciousness that despairingly still stocks this country today; Nina Simone sings Mississippi Goddam.

And speaking of hateful viciousness coated with mainstream-media sprinkled sugar, in the following tune Bruce Cockburn sings about the US's lethal, world-wide distribution of corporate interests. The song is Call It Democracy. Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, and maybe Venezuela anyone.

Richie Havens called the following song, "The most powerful anti-war / anti-injustice song ever written". I'd like to think that I have the courage to call it my mantra. The tune is Peter Paul and Mary's – The Great Mandala.

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