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## ***Community News and Opportunities for Action, WEEK of March 24<sup>th</sup>, 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?
March	all month	<b>Women's History Month - "Theme for 2019: Visionary Women: Champions of Peace &amp; Nonviolence."</b> (For details, see information in March 3 edition, at <a href="http://alaskapeace.org">alaskapeace.org</a> .) <b>Sobriety Awareness Month</b> (For details, see information in March 3 edition, at <a href="http://alaskapeace.org">alaskapeace.org</a> .)	
		<b><u>To Contact your Elected Public Officials,</u> see lists of contact information at the end of this news brief</b>	
		<b><u>This Week Opportunities for Action</u></b>	
		(Some) Issues of <b>Peace</b> , <b>Justice</b> , and <b>Sustainability</b> to be brought up <b>This week in the Alaska Legislature*</b> : -- Juvenile Justice; Office of Children's Services; Governor's Appointees: AK Oil & Gas Commission, DEC, DNR - permitting; Regulatory Commission; -- Pebble Project status & Permitting & EIS update by CEO, Chairman, & VP of Permitting; Legislative Ethics; -- HB 39, 40 - operating/mental Health budgets; -- SB 33 Arrest; release; sentencing; probation -- <b>HB 30</b> Workers' Comp; Death; Perm Partial Impai -- <b>SJR 6 Constitutional Amendment:</b> Approp. Limit; Reserve Fund - <b>Public Testimony</b> starts 5pm - Teleconferenced -- HB 72 Black History Month -- HB 77 & SB 41- Number of Superior Court Judges - Public Testimony - Teleconferenced -- SB 83 Telecommunications Regulation/Exemptions - teleconferenced -- <b>SJR 4 Constitutional Amendment:</b> "Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska prohibiting the establishment of, or increase to, a state tax without the approval of the voters of the state; and relating to the initiative process." - Teleconferenced --HB 96 "to keep the Pioneer HOmes affordable and keep our commitment to our seniors..." -- <b>HB 35</b> Conflict of Interest: Bd Fisheries/Game - Public Testimony - Teleconferenced -- HB 68 Labor Stdrs/Safety; Worker Compensation - Public Testimony - Teleconferenced -- <b>SB 51</b> National Resource Water Nomination/Designation - teleconferenced -- SB 23, 24 Supp.PFD Paymets -- HB 56 Establish Hmong-merican Veterans Day - Testimony - teleconferenced -- <b>HB 82</b> Discrimination: Gender ID; Sexual Orient. - teleconf. -- <b>SJR 5 Constitutional Amendment:</b> Permanent Fund & Dividend - testimony - teleconf. -- <b>HB 16</b> Local Food Procurement; Labeling - testimony - teleconf. <u>Community organizations &amp; contact info for local, state, and federal government representatives.</u>	<b><u>See more of the legislative schedule and links to related info here: 3/25-3/31/19</u></b> <i>*Schedules often change. Contact your <b>Legislative Information Office (LIO)</b>. In Fbks: 452-4448            Lists of local, state, &amp; national elected officials' contacts are at the end of this newsletter.            *****</i>

<b>Sunday March 24</b>	<b>9:27am</b>	<b>Alaskan whistle-blower Ray Metcalfe on Ralph Nader Radio Hour</b> on KWRK-LP 90.9FM/kwrk.org about <a href="http://bribestop.us">bribestop.us</a> proposing how ‘We can fix <b>Citizens United</b> , one state at a time’. by passing a strict Conflict statute. This show will repeat Tuesday 1-2am.	radio KWRK-LP 90.9FM/kwrk.org
	10:30am	<b>Jeff Clements</b> (see Monday, March 25, below) “will be speaking to the [UUFF] fellowship about <b>what we can do to help restore equal access to democracy</b> , a core principle of Unitarian Universalism. Join us for a special coffee hour talk back with Clements after the service.”	UUFF, 4448 Pkes Landing Rd
	2-5pm	<b>Permanent Fund Dividend &amp; FY20 Budget Discussion</b> hosted by AK State Legislature House Finance Committee	Legisl Info Office, 1292 Sadler Way, suite 308
	4:30 pm	<p><b>Zero Waste: 2nd Workshop Session Added</b>    <i>The [recent] Saturday workshop sold out almost immediately, so Brittany has graciously agreed to do a <a href="#">second workshop</a> session on Sunday afternoon.</i></p> <p>Join us for <a href="#">a conversation with Brittany Karns</a>, known on social media as ZeroWaste Fairbanks. Brittany will share easy tips and hacks for reducing and eliminating waste from your everyday life.</p> <p>Brittany has been on her own <a href="#">Zero Waste journey</a> for a couple of years, and she's passionate about sharing ideas and inspiration for living a less wasteful, more meaningful life. She notes that it isn't really possible to live with ZERO waste in Fairbanks (or most places in the world) but it is entirely within reach to make better choices and live more intentionally, with less negative impact on the planet.</p> <p>You can waste less, save more and live well!</p> <p>This workshop is for you if you're interested in producing less waste, using fewer toxic ingredients in your home and on your body, and learning new things!</p> <p><i><b>Note: The Zero Waste Workshop is a free event, but space is limited to 20 participants. <a href="#">Click here</a> to register for the Sunday session.</b></i></p>	Co-op Market Grocery & Deli, 526 Gaffney Road Fbks
<b>Monday March 25</b>	last day to submit comments	<b>“Submit Feedback on the VA Mission Act</b> - On February 22nd, the Department of Veterans Affairs proposed rules that for the first time would establish “access standards,” under which covered veterans must be offered the option of receiving care from a non-VA provider if VA cannot meet such standards. They are open for comment but only for 30 days. The last day to submit comments is March 25th. You can see the Save Our VA Working Group's <a href="#">Talking points</a> or check our <a href="#">our website</a> for more info! Also be sure and check out this <a href="#">great flyer</a> to educate others! “	<a href="#">You can submit comments here.</a>
	6 pm	<p><b>Big Money v. The People: Alaska Campaign Finance Speaking Tour</b> - by Jeff Clements, on the front lines of the fight to overturn <i>Citizens United</i>*, and he runs <a href="#">American Promise</a>, an organization pushing for an Amendment to overturn it. Sponsored by the Pol. Sci. dept. at UAF If you need to update or cancel your RSVP, use this link:  <a href="http://www.americanpromise.net/big_money_v_people_university_fairbanks?e=07a276fc90bcd85060df97f171c0cd64">http://www.americanpromise.net/big_money_v_people_university_fairbanks?e=07a276fc90bcd85060df97f171c0cd64</a>  Please feel free to invite others to join you with this link:  <a href="http://www.americanpromise.net/big_money_v_people_university_fairbanks?recruiter_id=93647">http://www.americanpromise.net/big_money_v_people_university_fairbanks?recruiter_id=93647</a>  American Promise <a href="http://www.americanpromise.net/">http://www.americanpromise.net/</a>  * The 2010 U.S. Supreme Court case that decided that corporations are people for the purposes of legitimacy of campaign contributions (but not for going to jail, etc.)</p>	Bunnell Building 1790 Tanana Lp Schaible Auditorium, UAF <a href="#">Google map and directions</a>
	<b>6:30pm</b>	<p><b>GVEA Board of Directors Mtg - from FCAC:</b> “Keep the pressure up on our electric cooperative to do its part to take action on climate change!! Take just a few minutes and testify in favor of renewable energy and carbon emissions reductions. Come to the prep party (detailed directly below) for more information talking points, or reply to this email saying you’d like more information, and the FCAC Renewable Energy working group will get that to you before Monday’s Board mtg.</p> <p><b>“*Prep Party*</b> for GVEA Board Mtg Comments!! <b>5pm</b>-6:15pm @ Native Movement (1327 Hayes Ave., upstairs from Nomadic Stars) Come along for snacks and drinks and hang out with members of the FCAC Renewable Energy working group before Monday’s monthly GVEA board meeting! We will have information available on talking points, discuss the workings of our electric cooperative, and talk through any questions you have about the process. RSVPing to <a href="mailto:cathy.a.walling@gmail.com">cathy.a.walling@gmail.com</a> will help us have enough food. We look forward to seeing you there!”</p>	GVEA Headquarters – 758 Illinois St

	6:30pm	<b>Fbks City Council Mtg</b> Agenda includes - Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Fairbanks and the Public Safety Employees Association; Resolution Requesting the State Legislature to Support Alaska Pioneer Homes, Educational Funding, and the University of Alaska in Its FY2020 Budget.; and other matters. (See agenda/listening links at end of news)	Fairbanks City Hall, 800 Cushman St
	6:30pm	AK House Resources Committee <b>hearing re Jason Brune's confirmation as Environmental Conservation Commissioner.</b> Relevant information from Stand for Salmon under Peace, Justice, Sustainability below.	call (844) 586-9085 or <a href="#">submit here</a>
<b>Wednesday March 27</b>	Deadline for proposals	...to the Federal Subsistence Board to <b>CHANGE FEDERAL REGULATIONS</b> for the <b>SUBSISTENCE HARVEST</b> of <b>WILDLIFE</b> on <b>FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS</b> . For more information, go to <a href="https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/01/31/2019-00424/subsistence-management-regulations-for-public-lands-in-alaska-2020-21-and-2021-22-subsistence-taking">https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/01/31/2019-00424/subsistence-management-regulations-for-public-lands-in-alaska-2020-21-and-2021-22-subsistence-taking</a> or contact Thomas C.J. Doolittle, Office of Subsistence Management; (907) 786-3888 or email <a href="mailto:subsistence@fws.gov">subsistence@fws.gov</a> .	
	5:30pm	Fairbanks Open Radio, <b>KWRK-LP FM, weekly mtg.</b> Contact <a href="mailto:info@kwrk.org">info@kwrk.org</a> or leave msg at 374-0577 for info.	3535 College Rd suite 203
	6-8pm	<b>Exxon Valdez to the Arctic Refuge: The Irony of the Petro-Welfare State</b> –30 years after the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill, we will gather and hear from Philip Wight, an Andrew W. Mellon Dissertation Year Fellow and History Ph.D. Candidate at Brandeis University. Philip will share findings from his dissertation, which focus on the history of the Pipeline System from 1941-2007. Following the presentation we will hear from a panel of Alaskans experts who will all help advance our thinking about how the dependence on the pipeline continues to affect traditional cultures, northern climate and our ability to move away from an oil economy. <a href="#">RSVP on Facebook.</a>	Bread Line 507 Gaffney Rd
<b>Thursday March 28</b>	12-1 pm	<b>Fairbanks Housing &amp; Homeless Coalition March Mtg.</b> <a href="#">Agenda</a> includes introductions, treasurer update, State Budget Concerns, Case Conferencing, <a href="#">Arctic Alliance for People [AAP FB]</a> , and Agency Updates.	Council Chambers of City Hall
	5:30-6:30pm	<b>Hear Our Voice/Save Our State Rally</b> - Details below	Westmark Hotel 813 Noble St.
	6 pm	<b>Regular FNSB Assembly mtg,</b> (Fbks North Star Borough) includes Public Hearing on Ordinance 2019-10 re Communications Towers; RESOLUTION NO. 2019-12. A Resolution Calling On The Alaska State Legislature To Remove The Mandatory Exemptions Established In AS 29.45.030 For Senior Citizens And Disabled Veterans; Several major rezones;	Borough bldg,
<b>Friday March 29</b>	<b>Comment Deadline</b>	<b>No Road to Ambler</b> - The dates for completion of the Draft Environmental Impact Study (EIS) were extended to March 29... To submit public comments related to this proposed project, please email: <a href="mailto:BLM_AK_AKSO_AmblerRoad_Comments@blm.gov">BLM_AK_AKSO_AmblerRoad_Comments@blm.gov</a> <i>Or mail to:</i> Ambler Road Scoping Comments, 222 West 7th Avenue, Stop #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513. <i>from Native Movement</i> <a href="mailto:mail@networkforgood.com">mail@networkforgood.com</a>	
	6 pm eat, 7 - film	<b>Doctrine of Discovery: Unmasking the Domination Code</b> - potluck, film, & discussion co-sponsored by Alaska Peace Center, University Community Presbyterian Church (UCPC), and Native Movement. <a href="#">Flyer here.</a>	UCPC, 3510 College Rd
<b>Saturday March 30</b>	8 - 11am	<b>Healy Community Health Fair</b> Complete health fair schedule: <a href="https://alaskahealthfair.org">https://alaskahealthfair.org</a>	Tri-Valley School, 400 Suntrana Rd.,
	1-4pm	<b>Programsaof Creamer's Field - An Afternoon of Owls</b> - 1:15-3:45 'Come meet "Ghost" an education Snowy Owl fromm BirdTLC; Handler Dave Dorsey Talk 2:15-3...Owl crafts 1-4pm, education, pellets to dissect. Come learn all about owls! All ages welcome! Suggested donations \$5 ea.	Morris Thompson Cultural & Visitor Ctr, 101 Dunkel St

		907-452-5162 <a href="http://www.friendsofcreamersfield.org">www.friendsofcreamersfield.org</a> ;	
	2-4:30pm	<b>AK State Rep. Grier Hopkins &amp; Sen. John Coghill Community Forum</b>	West Valley H.S. DeWild Theater Geist Rd.
		<b>A Call for a Mass Mobilization to Oppose NATO, War &amp; Racism.</b> To add your endorsement to this call, please go here: <a href="http://www.no2nato2019.org/endorse-the-action.html">http://www.no2nato2019.org/endorse-the-action.html</a>	
<b>Sunday March 31</b>		<u><a href="#">Deadline to apply for Alaska's Permanent Fund Dividend.</a></u>	
		<b><u>Next Week</u></b>	
<b>Monday April 1</b>	7pm	<b><u>April 1: South America: Exploring the Bird Continent From Sea to Summit.</u></b> Presentation by Gerald “J.J.” Frost. Northern South America is a land of superlatives in terms of its biodiversity, varied landscapes, and cultures. The region’s geographic setting, mountainous topography, and extensive tropical forests conspire to create a riot of bird diversity. In this talk JJ Frost will introduce you to the forest ecosystems of Colombia, Ecuador, and Suriname—and of course their birds! He will provide a primer for aspiring neotropical birders, practical tips for visiting the region, and an overview of challenges and opportunities for forest conservation in South America. Free. More info at <a href="http://arcticaudubon.org">arcticaudubon.org</a> .	Noel Wien Library.
<b>Tuesday April 2</b>	8am - 5pm	UAF Cooperative Extension Service will offer <b>food safety management training</b> via videoconference April 2 in seven Alaska communities. The class runs from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Locations for the Certified Food Protection Manager workshop include State regulations require that all food establishments have at least one certified food protection manager to ensure compliance with food safety regulations. March 20 is the deadline to sign up and receive a study guide before the class. Registration, locations and more information are available at <a href="http://bit.ly/cesCFPM">http://bit.ly/cesCFPM</a> . The \$200 fee includes one certification exam. For additional information or to request another location, contact the instructor, Julie Cascio, at 907-745-3677 or <a href="mailto:jmcascio@alaska.edu">jmcascio@alaska.edu</a> . (See flier attached for more information and to share with others who may be interested in the workshop. Thank you!) <a href="#">CFPM 4-2-19-V.pdf</a>	<b>videoconference</b> <i>in</i> Fbks, Palmer, Unalaska, Valdez, Juneau, Sitka, Skagway and other communities as requested. (In Fbks, meet at rm 108, University Park Bdg, 1000 University Ave)
<b>Wednesday April 3</b>		<b>"Sharing Nature and History of Creamer's Field" “Enjoy the Outdoors each session Wednesdays April 3 to May 15. CLASS REGISTRATION OPEN NOW! Class limit 25 participants. <a href="http://www.friendsofcreamersfield.org">http://www.friendsofcreamersfield.org</a>/ 459-7301</b>	
<b>Thursday April 4</b>		This is the 51 anniversary of the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., the internationally revered leader in struggles against racism, poverty and war. Hear <b>Dr. King’s “<a href="#">Beyond Vietnam - A Time to Break Silence</a>”</b> speech and more at <a href="http://notonato.org">notonato.org</a> .	
	5:30 pm	<b>Alaska Peace Center monthly &amp; annual mtg</b> - All welcome! Board of directors elections - Join the work for peace! - and planning events such as the Peace Feast, Fair booth, and more. Contact <a href="mailto:info@alaskapeace.org">info@alaskapeace.org</a> or call 479-0981.	3535 College Rd, suite 203
Friday April 5	8:30 am - 4:30 pm	<b><u>Fairbanks Beginning Farmer Expo</u></b> - will bring together emerging and experienced farmers with non-profit, private, and government resource organizations. The Expo will provide participants with an understanding of the challenges and prospects of establishing a viable farm business in Alaska, including a pragmatic, step-by-step overview on how to get started... This event is open to the public. Those who are serious about pursuing farm careers in Alaska are encouraged to attend. Admission is \$40 and includes access to the event, a light breakfast, coffee service, and lunch catered by Raven Landing. Parking is free. <b>Advance registration required by April 4.</b> <a href="#">Add to Calendar</a>	Raven Landing Community Centr 1222 Cowles St. Fbks <a href="#">View Map</a>

	6:30-7:30pm	<b>:: Denaakk'e Through Bird Songs with Susan Paskvan.</b> “During the K'edon Ts'ednee times, a time long ago, the animals and birds were able to talk to each other. Many of our beliefs originated during these legendary times. The bird songs tell about events that happened during the K'edon Ts'ednee times.” Join us to learn about the Denaakk'e language of Interior Alaska and its remarkable vocabulary to describe bird songs - or should I say bird conversations?	Morris Thompson Center
<b>Saturday April 6</b>	8am - 5:30pm	<b>Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training</b> - No Charge. Participants will gain a basic understanding of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Microorganisms relevant to produce safety and where they may be found on the farm;</li> <li>•How to identify microbial risks, practices that reduce risks, and how to begin implementing food safety practices on your farm;</li> <li>• FDA Produce Safety Rule Requirements and how to meet them. For info/registration: 375-8278/ <a href="mailto:barbara.hanson@alaska.gov">barbara.hanson@alaska.gov</a></li> </ul>	Univ. Park Bldg 1000 Univ Ave Rm 156
	11am-noon	Preschool Nature Discovery - Babes in the Woods - " <b>Are BEARS out There?</b> " for ages 3 - 6, siblings & parents or caregivers. Story, song, craft, finger play, and a walk on [Creamer's Wildlife] refuge. Free (Donations appreciated.)	1300 College Rd Fbks
	11am	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Annual Empty Bowls</b> event: Fbks Potters' Guild & other local groups create beautiful bowls for sale with all proceeds donated to Fbks Community Food Bank	Fbks Community Food Bank
	12-4pm	Historic Creamer's Dairy Farmhouse, Visitor Ctr, Gift Shop Saturdays through May 31 & during all programs.	1300 College Rd
	1-4:30pm	UAF Cooperative Extension Service Tanana District Office - <b>Spring Food Preservation Series! Making Jam and Jelly</b> fee for the class is \$20. Visit <a href="http://bit.ly/fishandmeat">http://bit.ly/fishandmeat</a> to reserve your spot. For more information, call 474-2426. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>April 6</b>, 1-4:30 p.m. —</li> </ul>	Univ. Park Bldg 1000 Univ Ave Rm 154
	5 pm	<b>:: 27th Annual Fabulous Feminist Fundraiser.</b> supports lobbying efforts on behalf of women, children & families. Proceeds from this event support the Alaska Women's Lobby and local advocates to lobby on behalf of Alaska's women, children & families.	Westmark Hotel, Fbks
		<b><u>Put on Your Calendar - After Next Week</u></b>	
<b>8 – 10 April</b>		Peace Direct and the United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY) are convening an <b>online consultation to broaden the conversation on... Youth and Peacebuilding...</b> a global conversation between practitioners and academics to explore some of the questions surrounding youth-led peacebuilding, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What does youth-led peacebuilding actually look like?</li> <li>• How do we understand the relationship between youth and peacebuilding in different contexts?</li> <li>• What are the key enabling factors for successful youth-led peacebuilding?</li> <li>• What does it mean in practice to integrate youth participation across all peacebuilding areas?</li> </ul> Together, we will <b>map the experiences of youth peacebuilders around the world</b> and look for ways of operationalising the Youth, Peace, and Security (YPS) agenda. <a href="https://www.peaceinsight.org/learn-more-and-register">Learn more and register »</a> <i>from Peace Insight</i> <a href="mailto:info@peaceinsight.org">info@peaceinsight.org</a>	
Tuesday April 9	8am-5pm	<b>Research and Creative Activity Day</b> - This annual event showcases undergraduate research and creative projects in all disciplines, with posters, displays and performances. Free poster printing for all participants who <a href="#">register</a> by April 2. <i>Will there be submissions about increasing PEACE? Justice? Sustainability?</i>	UAF Wood Ctr, lower level lounge
<b>Thurs. 4/25</b>	6:30-8:30pm	<b>Earth Week Event - GREEN NEW DEAL TEACH-IN: A Framework for Transformation.</b> Come join a panel discussion and Q&A to discuss the climate, justice, economic, and political realities of the Green New Deal and what it could mean for Fairbanks and Alaska. If you are interested in helping to organize this and other Earth Week events, please contact Ryan Marsh ( <a href="mailto:ryan@northern.org">ryan@northern.org</a> ).	UAF Schaible Auditorium
Wednesday May 1	Deadline for nominations	...for the <b>ALASKA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION 2019 AWARDS</b> for individuals and organizations that are making a significant difference in their efforts to protect Alaska's natural environment. Awardees will be celebrated at an awards reception on October 3 in Anchorage. This year's award categories include: Lifetime Achievement    Outstanding Volunteer Contributions    Outstanding Professional Contributions	



		<p>Award for Young Environmental Activists      Outstanding Achievements by a Conservation Organization</p> <p>Excellence in Environmental Education      Excellence in Still Photography, Film or Video</p> <p>Outstanding Achievements by an Alaska Native Organization or Individual</p> <p>For more information or to nominate someone, go to our website. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Sadie Kurtz at skurtz@alaskaconservation.org call or 907-433-8212.</p>	
Sat May 11		Clean-Up Day	
June 1	9am-4pm	<b>Non-Violent Direct Action Skill Building</b> ( <a href="#">application</a> process) in Fbks, taught by <a href="#">Native Movement</a>	location TBA
June 10-July 19	times vary by week	<b>Camp Habitat</b> sessions 1-2 weeks each: “Kids learn about the natural history of Interior Alaska through engaging activities, games, hikes, projects and guest speakers. They will explore the natural world through themes such as plants, animals, birds, fish, habitats, and people & the environment.” <a href="#">Registration is open.</a>	

### Good News category:

*from Innocence Project:* “[March 21] in Louisiana, Archie Williams was **freed from Angola prison** after almost **37 years of wrongful incarceration**. The Innocence Project opened Archie’s case in 1995, and the 24 years of representation that followed is the longest we’ve ever litigated a case for exoneration. ‘There are many innocent people at Angola—guys who have served over 50 years. I’m happy to be cleared finally, but I’m not free until they are free’”

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*from Alaska Community Action on Toxics:* **Anchorage ‘Protecting the Health of Children and Firefighters’ ordinance passes.** “Thanks to you, our firefighters and children are safer now from the toxic exposures to harmful flame-retardant chemicals... This victory will be a **springboard for passing HB27 in the State Legislature** to protect all Alaskans. **Come and celebrate with us at our new ACAT office at 1225 E. International Airport Rd. Ste 220 on Friday, March 29 from 4pm - 6pm.** We will have food and drinks to celebrate this wonderful victory!”

### Peace Justice Sustainability

**“How Inuit Parents Raise Kids Without Yelling — And Teach Them To Control Anger”** NPR - Here is the link!  
<https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2019/03/13/685533353/a-playful-way-to-teach-kids-to-control-their-anger>

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*from CodePINK 3/24:* “Opening the Washington Post today, we were aghast. Prominently displayed on page 8 was a **full-page ad falsely accusing** Representative Ilhan Omar of being anti-semitic. “The Jews control the world with their money” - **words Rep. Omar NEVER said** - were splattered next to her face, leaving readers to assume it was a quote. The ad was produced and purchased by the notorious Rabbi Shmuley, a hate-monger whose agenda is well-known: to demand U.S. compliance with Israel’s status quo of occupation and apartheid. Why is the Washington Post allowing Shmuley to purchase such an outrageous ad inciting hatred against the first black, Muslim hijab-wearing member of Congress? **Contact the Washington Post now. Tell them to apologize to Rep. Omar and promise not to print ads that propagate lies and hate.** We will hand deliver your signatures to the Post.”

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**107 Shootings on School Grounds**, last week's Aurora, Illinois, mass shooting that left 5 dead, **14,462 Americans killed by gun violence** in the past year, and another Parkland death since the mass shooting since Feb. 21, 2018. U.S. House passed 2 tightened background checks bills at the end of February: [H.R. 1112: Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2019](#) (to strengthen the background check procedures to be followed before a Federal firearms licensee may transfer a firearm to a person who is not such a licensee.), & [H.R. 8: Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019](#) (To require a background check for every firearm sale). You can let our U.S. Senators know how you want them to vote; See their contact info at the the end of the news. See/listen to a clip about the new Parkland death at <https://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/powerball-jackpot-estimated-625m-saturday-drawing-61892017> ;.

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*from National Priorities Project:* “Over the past week, the Trump administration put out their [proposal for the federal budget](#) for fiscal year 2020, which starts in October of this year. ... **\$174 billion in extra Pentagon funds ...claiming that it doesn't count toward spending limits** ... more than double what Congress passed last year... [while he argues] **more than \$50 billion in cuts to programs like the Environmental Protection Agency and Legal Aid** ... are...to control federal spending... While team Trump tells us we can't afford to continue the Corporation for Public Broadcasting or preserve affordable housing, they don't seem to have any trouble finding billions of dollars to add to the nation's [nearly \\$6 trillion bill for the Iraq and Afghanistan wars...](#) **[Call your member of Congress](#) and demand that Congress pass a budget without gimmicks or loopholes for military spending.**”

Union of Concerned Scientists Action Alert: “President **Trump has proposed to eliminate critical clean energy research and development funding**. Contact your representative today and demand continued investments towards clean energy innovation.**[Take Action Today!](#)**”

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*from FCAC:* “**Hear Our Voice/Save Our State Rally protesting the Dunleavy roadshow** Thurs. 3/28, 5:30-6:30pm, Outside of Westmark Hotel, 813 Noble St. For his “roadshow,” Gov. Dunleavy is partnering with Americans for Prosperity — the political frontgroup for the Koch Brothers, the fossil fuel billionaires arguably most responsible for corrupting our democracy. Bring a friend and join our community to rally outside and send a loud and clear message that we do not approve of the proposed Dunleavy budget or corporate ownership of a "public" event. This needs to be a huge event, so do your part to help turn people out. [RSVP on Facebook](#)”

“Attached to this email is a slideshow presentation provided by Chris Rose of Renewable Energy Alaska Project! This is what he shared with us at our General Meeting at the beginning of the month. Be sure to review it for some great information on the role of “the [Railbelt](#)” with renewable energy in Alaska!”

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*from -The Stand for Salmon Team:* “**New Opportunity to Testify** Against Jason Brune [who] has spent his career advocating for mining companies and his conflicts of interest are too serious for this position... **[it is time to keep up the pressure](#)**. ..[At the first hearing,].**99** people called in or showed up in person to testify, and **[92 were opposed.\(!\)](#)** ... He's having another hearing in front of the House Resources Committee on **Monday, March 25, at 6:30 PM**.

Mr. Brune, however, has not yet gotten the message. In a speech to the Resource Development Council - the mining front group he ran for eleven years - on Thursday, he asked a room full of mining executives for their wish list of regulatory cuts, [as reported in a story by APRN](#). ... He isn't going to fishing, tourism, or conservation groups and telling them his door is open. Instead, before he is even confirmed, he is asking his mining company cronies for their wish list. If you're unhappy with any of this, [call in on Monday and tell him exactly what you think](#). And while Pebble is in the front of your brain, [let your D.C. representatives know how you feel about it, too.](#)”

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“**Smart Justice Alaska** was formed to support and protect this brighter vision against those who would play to our communities' baser instincts with “tough on crime” rhetoric designed to lock up more Alaskans and make money for out-of-state for-profit prison corporations at the expense of Alaskan families and communities...”

**NAACP Anchorage Chapter President Kevin McGee** and **Alaska Public Interest Research Group (AKPIRG) Executive Director Veri di Suvero** came together to pen this opinion piece exposing the perils of plans in **Governor Dunleavy's** budget to close in-state correctional facilities and ship Alaskans to faraway for-profit prisons.

Those private prison corporations just happen to have close ties to the primary architect of the Governor's budget, **OMB Director Donna Arduin**.

Read their insightful piece [here](#)... Check out our new piece “[7 Things You Need To Know About Alaska's Justice Reforms](#).”

To get the latest updates and information on criminal justice reform in Alaska follow us on [Facebook](#), on Twitter ([@SmartJusticeAK](#)), or visit us online at [www.SmartJusticeAlaska.com](http://www.SmartJusticeAlaska.com)”

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*from ACLU - American Civil Liberties Union:* “**The FBI is grouping unconnected Black people under the label "Black Identity Extremists" for surveillance and investigation – despite the fact that no such group exists.** The bureau has refused to provide critical information we requested to learn why this classification exists, and which Black people and Black-led organizations have been targeted as a result. So today, we and the Center for Media Justice sued the FBI. But we can't fight this in the courts alone. White supremacist attacks are on the rise and our free speech rights are more crucial than ever, so **we must all protest this baseless, illegal surveillance. Add your name: The FBI must stop targeting Black activists for surveillance and investigation.**

The FBI's illegal surveillance of Black activists is nothing new. In the 1960s, the FBI conducted covert activities against Black leaders who were advocating for full equality for Black people, including Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, and Fannie Lou Hamer. **Now, "Black Identity Extremists" joins the long list of terms the bureau has used in an effort to justify surveilling Black people.”**

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*from AK Rep. Don Young:* “**Agent Orange Exposure Fairness Act** - Congressman Joe Courtney (CT-02) and I reintroduced the Agent Orange Exposure Fairness Act for the 116th Congress. Ensuring veterans exposed to Agent Orange receive the care and benefits they have earned should be standard practice... Click [here](#) to learn more.”

“Senator Lisa Murkowski and I introduced the **Native American Millennium Challenge Demonstration Act**. This legislation creates a pilot project to promote sustainable economic growth and create efforts to reduce poverty in remote Native American and Native Hawaiian communities in a manner that encourages self-determination and self-sufficiency... I am proud to work with the Alaska Federation of Natives to develop this legislation, which will create regional demonstration programs based on the lessons of foreign aid for improving the well-being of Alaska Natives. Click [here](#) to learn more.”

“I recently introduced the **World Language Advancement and Readiness Act** with Congressman David Price (D-NC). This legislation would establish, improve, and expand innovative world language programs in our nation’s elementary and secondary schools... To learn more about this legislation, click [here](#).”

“Congressmen Don Young (AK-At Large) and Vicente Gonzalez (TX-15) have **reintroduced the Repatriate Our Patriots Act** (H.R. 1078), bipartisan legislation that would create a pathway to citizenship for deported veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. ..”

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“Reps. [Don Young](#) (R-Alaska) & [Tulsi Gabbard](#) (D-Hawaii)... introduced bipartisan marijuana reform bills 3/7. The **Ending Federal Marijuana Prohibition Act** would take marijuana off of the federal controlled substances list, giving full authority to states to regulate the substance without federal interference. And the **Marijuana Data Collection Act** would evaluate the effects of marijuana legalization in states that have already done so...” *from [The Hill](#).*

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Save a bag. Use a box! Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. 25¢ paper bag charge starts April 5<sup>th</sup>. Sustainability is part of [our mission](#) as a co-op. We are committed to being good stewards of planetary and fiscal resources. For this reason, we'll begin charging 25¢ for paper bags starting Friday, April 5th. This charge applies only to the heavy paper bags with handles, and it is the actual cost of the bags, not including freight.

At the same time, we'll be discontinuing the 5¢ bag credit. This was a useful incentive in the past, and we hope it helped shoppers form a new good habit. Last year, we calculated that we refunded \$1467 in 5¢ increments, representing 29,240 bags kept out of the landfill. The number of people who bring their own bags has grown steadily every year: Now more than 75% of our shoppers do this.

We want to make it easy to reduce waste, so free cardboard boxes are always available in the entryway. And, of course, we sell reusable grocery totes, including Bagitos with our raven and pea logo. We're bringing in new designs, plus more reusable bulk and produce bags. Look for a BOGO sale on all reusable bags April 5-6.

Our shoppers who use SNAP will be exempt from the bag charge, as we know EBT will not pay for it.

To read more about these changes, [click here](#). *from Co-op Market Grocery & Deli*

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“**VFP Members Arrested Protesting U.S. Wars** Veterans For Peace members were in Ireland working with VFP Ireland on their ongoing campaign to stop allowing the U.S. to fly weapons and soldiers through Shannon on their way to illegal wars\*\* in the Middle East... On March 17th, Ken Mayers and Tarak Kauff, members of VFP entered the Shannon Airport carrying a large banner that said:



**U.S. Veterans say  
Respect Irish Neutrality  
U.S. War Machine out of Shannon Airport  
Veterans For Peace**

They were both arrested and are currently being denied bail in Ireland, with their next hearing scheduled for March 28th. [Updates and ways you can take action,](#)” in which **\*\*‘ED HORGAN’S TALKING POINTS ABOUT SHANNON AIRPORT’** near the bottom are particularly educational and compelling.

“Veterans For Peace stands strongly **in solidarity with Chelsea Manning**. Chelsea has been a **remarkable example of principled dissent**. She showed great courage in releasing documents (the [Collateral Murder](#) video and other critical information about the U.S. wars in Iraq and Afghanistan that the public had the right and need to know) and ... Once again, Chelsea Manning is demonstrating remarkable, principled courage. And once again, the powers-that-be are persecuting her.

Chelsea has refused to participate in a grand jury fishing expedition against Julian Assange and Wikileaks. A grand jury is rumored to have already issued a secret indictment against Julian Assange. Chelsea Manning has been arrested and jailed, and is facing a possible 18 months in prison. As she was being taken back into custody on March 8, Chelsea declared, *"I will not participate in a secret process that I morally object to, particularly one that has been historically used to entrap and persecute activists for protected political speech."*

Daniel Ellsberg, a member of VFP's Advisory Board, responded, *"Chelsea Manning is again acting heroically in the name of press freedom, and it's a travesty that she has been sent back to jail for refusing to testify to a grand jury. An investigation into WikiLeaks for publishing is a grave threat to all journalists' rights, and Chelsea is doing us all a service for fighting it. She has already been tortured, spent years in jail, and has suffered more than enough. She should be released immediately."*

. Veterans For Peace calls on Chelsea to be released immediately. **FREE CHELSEA MANNING** (again)!

Useful information and resources are [available from Courage To Resist.](#)”

“Edward Snowden via Twitter added, “I agree with @DanielEllsberg, and admire @xychelsea’s courage. Compelling sources to testify against the journalists with whom they’ve worked threatens the independent function of the free press in an open democracy. She must be released.”

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from Green Party=Peace Party: “...**16th anniversary of the invasion of Iraq** ... and continues today. **The damage inflicted** is almost immeasurable but here are the latest statistics:

- **200,000 civilian deaths**
- **50,000 combatant deaths**
- **Over \$2.4 trillion spent**

The cost of war to human life is too high – to the people of Iraq who are trying to rebuild their lives and to us at home, struggling to thrive as we fight an uphill battle to guarantee equality, healthcare, clean water and more for all.”

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Earth Day Network is asking people to join our [Protect our Species campaign](#). Our goals are to:

- Educate and raise awareness about the accelerating rate of extinction of millions of species and the causes and consequences of this phenomenon.
- Achieve major policy victories that protect broad groups of species as well as individual species and their habitats.
- Build and activate a global movement that embraces nature and its values.
- Encourage individual actions such as adopting plant based diet and stopping pesticide and herbicide use.

[Click here to view our library of resources](#)

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***Songs broadcast with this week’s Community News:***

*-- Welcome to the Asymmetric Moose’s music picks for the week of March 24, 2019.*

*Oh, I think it was sometime back in 2012, Billy Kelly, a friend of mine and I were walking the streets of Lahore Pakistan, it was around eleven a night and a few week after the large supposed anti-American demonstrations. A policeman directing traffic at a near by intersection noticed us, deserted his station and approached us. He started asking us all sorts of questions about the US. All of them pretty insightful, most started with why. It was getting late, traffic was backing up, horns were blowin, folks was*

stopping by smiling and nodding their heads with the policeman's questions. Pretty soon two motorcycle policemen came from opposite directions, stopped and joined the small crowd gathered to hear the policeman's concerns addressed. By this time the policeman had told us that we were in his custody, if only for his personal understanding of Amrika or possibly entertainment. Also by this time the traffic was pure pandemonium, but the police and spectators were the least concerned. The police did let us go happily on our way when Billy suggested that if they did not let us go he was going to pee his pants. In any case the evening's experience of international dialog accompanied by and at the expense of the bedlam in the street, left me thinking how would these people be treated in the streets of my country. You don't even have to be Pakistani or Iranian, you could be a person of color or born and raised in this country. In the first tune Ranchers For Peace sing of this sad problem in **Walking Around Black**.

In the next tune Pete Seeger sings **There Once Was A Woman Who Swallowed A Lie**. Oh golly, there's been a bowl, two, or ten of those served up for quite a while now some many of us are just starting to sort out. Hey it's not too late to regurgitate.

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**THANK YOU!**

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- individually, in our community, and globally -  
with a commitment to nonviolent conflict resolution.*

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*May Peace be with you! Have a good week!*

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**Fairbanks City Council Mtg** (twice per month on Monday evenings\*) **Agendas and calendar** at <https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/calendar/month/> This page contains a link to live City Council Mtgs and other City Board and Commission Mtgs, when available. Please click the Listen Live image below to start streaming the audio. Council Mtgs are also aired live on KFBX AM 970 radio. Listen live on your iPhone! Mixlr now has an iPhone/iPad app (<http://bit.ly/163ZyLg>) via the iTunes Store. Once you get the app set up, you search for city\_of\_fairbanks and you will be able to follow our audio stream ([http://mixlr.com/city\\_of\\_fairbanks/live/](http://mixlr.com/city_of_fairbanks/live/))." Location: Fairbanks City Hall, 800 Cushman St.

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OR! leave a comment here: <https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/citycouncil/webform/contact-council>

**Fbks Diversity Council (FDC)** "...to provide a citizens forum, serve as a diversity advisory board, and recommend adoption of a Diversity Action Plan for the community. The FDC supports many different cultural and social activities in our community..." FDC meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. The FDC includes 15 public members (3 appointed by the Fairbanks North Star Borough and 12 appointed by the City of Fairbanks). The FDC comes together to discuss and work to improve all areas of diversity within our City and community. Contact info: [cityclerk@fairbanks.us](mailto:cityclerk@fairbanks.us) or 907-479-6702

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