



Community News and Opportunities for Action, for the week of February 28th, 2021

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Be ready for opportunities to participate!

Day, Date	Time	<u>This Week Opportunities for Action</u>	Where?
		<p>(Some) Issues of Peace, Justice, and Sustainability to be brought up This week in the Alaska Legislature*:</p> <p>-Mon SB 8 Pre-K/Elem Ed Programs/Funding --TESTIMONY... Streamed live on AKL.tv HB 71 Approp: Mental Health Budget ...will be discussed again on Tuesday & Thurs HB 10 Funter Bay Marine Park; Unangan Cemetery HJR 12 Endorsing ANWR Leasing; related issues - testimony invitation only SB 43 Elections, Voting, Campaign Finance SB 82 Elections, election investigations SB 19 Extend Special Ed Service Agency SB 22 Intensive Mgmt surcharge/repeal term date "for the intensive management hunting license surcharge." ---TESTIMONY--- HB 97 Land Vouchers; PFDs - testimony invit only HB 76 Extending COVID 19 Disaster Emergency - testim invit only; but Public TESTIMONY on same on Thurs. SB 83 Elections; Voting; Ballot Reqs SJR 1 CONST AM: Guarantee Perm Fund Dividend --TESTIMONY--- HJR 12 Endorsing ANWR Leasing; Related Issues --TESTIMONY-- SB 69 Exempt Renewable Energy Electric Plants - testim invit only SJR 9 Urge Exemption for Cruise Ships - testim invit only; but public TESTIMONY on same on Friday HB 30 Workers Comp: Death; Perm Partial Impair HB 115 Aquatic Farming & Hatchery Site Leases - TESTIMONY-- HB 104 Motor Fuel Tax; Vehicle Reg. Fee -- tesim invit only -- Streamed live SB 7 State Trooper Policies; Public Access -Thurs HB 81 Oil/Gas Lease:DNR Modify Net Profit Share - tesim invit only HB 105 Detention of Minors -- TESTIMONY-- HB 45 Workers' Comp and Contagious Diseases</p> <p>...speaking up when inappropriate behavior occurs, male legislators should support the emergent priorities of the newly forming Alaska Women's Caucus. They can actively support policies like HB 5 - sponsored by Rep. Geran Tarr, which would increase the speed at which rape kit testing occurs, create further protections for underage</p>	<p>"...To reach your legislator, please find Senate contact information here and House of Representatives contact information here." *****</p> <p><i>See more of the legislative schedule and links to related info here: 3/1-7/21</i></p> <p><i>*Schedules often change. Contact your (LIO) Legislative Information Office In Fbks: 452-4448</i></p> <p>*****</p> <p><i>Legislators by District Legislative Calendar</i></p> <p>To see what bills have already been filed: <input type="checkbox"/> 2021 Prefiles, First Release <input type="checkbox"/> 2021 Prefiles, Second Release</p> <p>Track Bills in BTMF Public Testimony Opportunities</p>

	<p>victims of sexual abuse, and update the state's decades-old sexual consent law; and HB 38 - sponsored by Rep. Zulkosky which would require the Department of Public Safety to employ two persons in the department to act as liaisons between law enforcement agencies and federally recognized tribes to investigate cases involving missing and murdered indigenous women. Male elected leaders can, and should, sponsor legislation that actively dismantles harm and trauma caused to women and vulnerable communities. " from Louie Flora. "Hearings to Watch"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p>Committee hearings and other legislative-related information... watch live and recorded committee hearings by tuning in to 360N on cable or visiting the Alaska legislative website. For recordings of previous committee hearings, visit Gavel Alaska. To provide a letter of support for any of the bills or providing testimony <i>please contact your legislators and/or the Legislative Information Office</i>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p>"As in any year, we will have Gavel to Gavel coverage of our meetings, which you can watch on 360 North at https://www.ktoo.org/tv/ or on the Legislature's streaming service at http://akleg.gov/includes/_player.php. You can also access committee documents, follow along with our meeting schedules, learn about committee membership, and view voting records on BASIS at this link: http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Home/BillsandLaws." from Rep. Adam Wool.</p>	<p>Public Opinion Messages</p>
	<p>"COVID Vaccination Eligibility Opens to New Groups - [Wed, 2/24], Alaskans 50 and older with preexisting health conditions or working in congregate settings are eligible to get the vaccine, as well as those of all ages working in k-12 education and childcare facilities. [plus] seniors who were previously eligible...If you are eligible, you can sign up to get an appointment at this link <i>[per Rep. Adam Wool]</i>: http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/Vaccineappointments.aspx. • Use Alaska's PrepMod website to book online; or • Use Vaccine Providers List to call the providers in your community directly"</p>	
MARCH 2 MARCH 4 MARCH 5 MARCH 9 MARCH 13 MARCH 25	<p>Community COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics NEED VOLUNTEERS! The Fairbanks Area Citizen Corps is the go-to place for information on how to sign up to be a volunteer for the COVID-19 Community Vaccine Clinics. YOUR HELP is NEEDED!</p> <p>Non-certified helpers: Parking Lot Greeter, Indoor Greeter/Runner, second-dose scheduler; Certified helpers: Check-In*. Vaccine Handler*. Vaccinator* Post-vaccine Observer</p> <p>Register to volunteer to support the COVID-19 Response Effort either from your home or in the community!</p> <p>Please let us know if you would like to make, distribute or donate materials for community masks.</p> <p>REQUEST GOODS or SERVICES For businesses or organizations that need to request support for PPE, etc.</p> <p>DONATE For individuals and businesses who would like to donate PPE or other requested goods and services.</p>	https://www.fairbanksacc.org/
Sunday Feb. 28	Black History Timeline Display	Arctic Java in UAF Wood Center
	<p>2-3pm Repeats 6amMon</p> <p>Context to Recent Fires at Fairbanks Aurora Power Plant - Retired controls-system engineer for the Fairbanks Municipal Utilities System-turned-Aurora (Usibelli) coal-fired power plant, Rob Mulford, produced a short commentary of insights that is added to the interview he did with the power-plant worker who got very nearly killed in January, 2013.</p>	KWRK-LP 90.9FM or stream at kwrk.org
Monday March 1	<p>March is</p> <p>Women's History Month, an annual celebration honoring the contributions of women to American history, culture, and society... observed to coincide with International Women's Day on March 8.</p>	

		Sobriety Awareness Month is an effort to celebrate those who choose to be drug-free, and those who conquer their addictions to do so. It encourages others to sobriety by modeling success, by demonstrating that treatment works, and by the example of a life in which sobriety is valued and cherished...	
	March 1 st -9th	HARDPACK SNOW Removal at Transfer Sites starts. There will be times when a Transfer Site is closed for most of the day. The contractor who is removing the hardpack will do their best to get the transfer site clean up as quickly and safely as possible. Open the link for dates of closures.	Farmers Loop East is first
	March 1 to April 11	War Abolition 101: How We Create a Peaceful World - World BEYOND War's 6-week online course will bring you tried and tested strategies for working against the present war system and replacing it with an alternative one - where peace is pursued by peaceful means. How can we become more effective advocates and activists for ending war, pursuing disarmament, and creating systems that maintain peace?	Register now. and Watch and share this new, 57-second video
	M,W,F 10-3p	Green Star of Interior Alaska is now taking appointments for all your electronics resale, laptop, and computer needs. As we work to keep everyone safe during the ongoing COVID pandemic... Please call us at (907) 452-4152 to schedule an appointment. Available appointment hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Check out our Recycling Guide	(907) 452-4152
	5 pm	Deadline for comments and request for public hearing on Bond Release Poker Flats Mine [approx. 5 mi. north of Healy] for which Usibelli Coal Mine, Inc, is applying for release of \$153,418 of their \$909,230 reclamation bond... land owned by State of Alaska... available at www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/mining/index.htm .	
	5:30-7p	Renewable Energy Working Group Meeting - To get involved, email anne@fbxclimateaction.org	
	6 pm	Trails Advisory Commission Meeting & Plan Work Session - Join us to identify trail issues in the system south and east of the Steese Hwy - The FNSB Comprehensive Recreational Trails Plan is being updated: Interactive Comment Map: Leave Geographic Comments, Draw Trails, Upload GPS files ; Trail Info Form Written Comments:Fill out the form online via the website or submit via email FNSBTrailsPlan.com	
	6-7pm	North Pole City Council mtg 1 st & 3 rd Mondays except if a holiday: Agendas & Minutes	
Tuesday March 2		Call for Art: Fairbanks Arts' Spring Juried Exhibition - Vivid Bear Gallery, 3 rd floor Pioneer Park Civic Center	
	9-11am 1 - 3pm	Indigenous Women & Girls Virtual Gathering and Workshops: Power to the People Indigenous Art to Combat Climate Change & Plastic Pollution	Register for March 2nd Sessions Here
	4:30-6pm	Interfaith Working Group meets the 1 st & 3 rd Tuesday of Every Month. Contact kristin@fbxclimateaction.org to get involved	
	5-6:30pm	Regenerative Economy Working Group mtg. "We have a tremendous opportunity now to build a new and <i>regenerative</i> economy in Alaska." If interested and not yet involved, please follow the link to learn	email margi@fbxclimate

		more and to sign up. "...we will meet bi-weekly on Tuesdays 5-6:30pm"	action.org to join
Wednesday March 3	12-2pm	FAST Planning Technical Committee Meeting - Fairbanks Area Surface Transportation, an independent 501c3 non-profit... invest in local road improvement and non-motorized projects... make our community eligible for federal transportation funding... engage the public in our planning processes... [& more]...	https://fastplanning.us/
	5:30 pm	Earth Day 2021 Weekly Planning Meeting - Theme: Stepping into, Visualizing the Next 50 Years Hope in the Next 50 Years! Diversity... Alternative Energy/Food Production/food security/soil/Gardening/ Birds and Wildlife/ Faith. To participate, contact Susan Grace, t. 907-699-0780; blackdog@ptialaska.net	Zoom
	5:30-7p	Policy & Politics Working Group mtg. the 1 st & 3 rd Wed of every month. See: https://fairbanksclimateaction.org/policy-politics	
	6:30pm	Fairbanks Open Radio KWRK-LP 90.9FM monthly mtg on the <u>first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.</u> For now, we'll continue to hold these meetings online as the coronavirus pandemic continues	... info@kwrk.org or 374-0577 [msg]
Thursday March 4	7-10:30 a.m.	ENDING NUCLEAR WEAPONS BEFORE THEY END US -Please join us...for a virtual policy briefing and workshop series to call on the Biden administration to prioritize the complete elimination of nuclear weapons... by Back from the Brink and the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (Nobel Peace Prize Laureate ICAN) with support from many partner organizations...	info & registration
	starting 9 am daily	March 4-5: Federal Subsistence Mtg. The public is invited to participate. The Eastern Interior Alaska Regional Advisory Council will meet to develop proposals to change Federal subsistence hunting & trapping regs [et al]. For materials/info on the Federal Subsistence Management Program call the Office of Subsistence Management at (800) 478-1456 or visit www.doi.gov/subsistence . If you need special accommodations, please contact the Office at least 7 business days prior to the mtg.	teleconference: 800-560-5984, passcode 12960066
	6-7pm	Nutrients, Foods, & Habits to Help the Immune System - Free virtual class each Thursday with UAF Cooperative Extension experts in health and wellness . Register once for any classes in this free series.	http://bit.ly/RRRreg2021
	6:30 pm	"March Forth! Join us for a conversation about where we've been, and what comes next. Join the Northern Center for an update of where various conservation issues stand at this time in Alaska... Join our program staff for updates, and our new Executive Director Scott Fogarty will say hello and welcome us into the year ahead. <u>Register for this zoom webinar here.</u> <u>RSVP on Facebook here.</u>	
	7 pm	Alaska Peace Center monthly mtg - All welcome! New board members will be needed at the April 1 st mtg, as some current board members have reached term limits... Come help participate in finalizing a new bus ad design, newsletter publication, and planning upcoming & future events and campaigns advancing Peace, Justice, and Sustainability! Contact info@alaskapeace.org or call 479-0981, Heather, with questions.	zoom link
Friday March 5	9 am	Center for Arctic Policy Studies announces the release of a new report: Alaska's Climate Change Policy Development by Abigail Steffen, Stephen Greenlaw, and Amy Lovecraft. Join the authors for a discussion.	Register for the Webinar -

	12-1:15 pm	<p>"Our Call To Action: MMIWG2S Policy Forum - We invite community and policy makers to join us ...on zoom and Facebook live. Alaska is drastically behind in creating and implementing policy to protect our loved ones. Currently, there are state/federal bills and actions that we will cover and discuss. Special guest speakers include Tribal leaders Richard Chalyee Éesh Peterson of Tlingit and Haida and Dr. Malia Villegas of Afognak. We invite the 2021 Alaska State Legislature members and staff to join us for this presentation to learn about proposed legislation and to learn from Tribal leadership. We are calling on the State legislature to work in partnership to take action to protect our people."</p>	Register Here for MMIWG2S Policy Forum
Saturday March 6	deadline for entries	<p>Fairbanks North Star Borough School District Equal Employment Opportunity Office & NAACP of Fairbanks Black History Month Contest... open to ALL FNSBSD Students...</p> <p><i>This year's theme is The Black Family: Representation, Identity, & Diversity "Moving the World Forward."</i> visit: #BlackHistoryMonth #NAACAPFairbanks #FNSBSD #NorthStar</p>	
	8:15am	<p>Juneau Veterans For Peace, chapter 100, mtg. Chapter #100 meets first and third Saturday mornings. All are invited to attend these after-breakfast meetings. Info: chapter president via akwilco@gmail.com</p>	
	11 am	<p>The Mauritanian - Film Screening with Q&A - Join the movement to #CloseGITMO and be a part of a conversation about The Mauritanian, starring Benedict Cumberbatch, Shailene Woodley, Tahar Rahim, and Jodie Foster.- Based on a true story... The first 300 people to RSVP will receive a free ticket to watch the film; you can watch the film before Saturday or ... Host Contact Info: angela@codepink.org</p>	RSVP for your link to the community Zoom and Q & A.
	7-8pm, also March 20	<p>youth 4 change STORY CIRCLE - A safe space for youth of color to share their stories, by youth of color for youth of color... If you are not a youth of color, we invite you to fill out this contact form to stay in touch about other ways you can attend Story Circles and support Story Works.</p>	Register Here & Learn More
		<i>After This Week</i>	
Monday March 8	6:30pm	<p>Fairbanks City Council Mtg Agendas **how to provide testimony and stay connected with the City Council during the COVID-19 pandemic**</p>	
Tuesday March 9	3- 4 pm	<p>Webinar: Leah Bolger on the U.S. Overseas Military Base Empire - the social, environmental, and economic impact of U.S. bases and how to close them. Did you know that the United States has over 200,000 troops stationed on more than 800 bases in more than 80 countries and all seven continents? The bases embody the U.S. military strategy of "Full Spectrum Dominance." (more below under "Peace")</p>	Register
	5:30-7p	<p>Fbks Diversity Council Mtg. https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/bc-diversity/page/fdc-accessibility-committee-3</p>	zoom link
Wednesday March 10	5:30-7p	<p>Keep It In the Ground working group mtg, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays same time. Learn more and join via https://fairbanksclimateaction.org/keep-it-in-the-ground</p>	
Thursday March 11	comment deadline	<p>Central Yukon Draft Resource Management Plan Comment Deadline. This plan will be used to manage an extensive region of Alaska for the next 20 years.</p>	See more below under

		<u>Learn more about how to comment and potential talking points to include here.</u>	"Sustainability"
	6-7pm	Veggie Slam: A Week of Vegetables in One Hour! - Free virtual class each Thursday with UAF Cooperative Extension experts in health and wellness. Register once for any classes in this free series.	http://bit.ly/RRRreg2021
	6 pm	Regular <u>FNSB Assembly</u> mtg, (Fbks North Star Borough)	
Sat-Sun Mar 13-14	after midnight	"Daylight Savings Time" will begin: Move clocks Forward one hour. <u>HB 31: OBSERVE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ALL YEAR</u> was introduced in the Alaska Legislature	

YES! News category:

"Women in Ag coming March 20 - Women represent 47% of the farmers in Alaska. The theme of the conference is *Alaska Women in Ag: Strong Then, Strong Now.* ... designed to increase networking, provide education, exchange information and have fun, supporting women across Alaska who are involved in numerous aspects of agriculture. There will be discussion on multigenerational farming with an emphasis on collaborating into the future. Hear directly from producers across many different industries and decades. This meeting will be held via Zoom and is free. [Register here.](#)"

Ongoing Campaigns, Recent Past Events, Issues not specific to Alaska, and/or without specific date

Peace	Justice	Sustainability
<p>"Sign The Peace Pledge - People signed in 189 countries so far: <i>"I understand that wars and militarism make us less safe rather than protect us, that they kill, injure and traumatize adults, children and infants, severely damage the natural environment, erode civil liberties, and drain our economies, siphoning resources from life-affirming activities. I commit to engage in and support nonviolent efforts to end all war and preparations for war and to create a sustainable and just peace."</i> Sign [from] World BEYOND War"</p>	<p>PFD Filing Reminder - "Have you filed your application yet? You can file for your Permanent Fund Dividend at pfd.alaska.gov. After you have completed your application, <u>remind your friends and family to file online</u> (https://youtu.be/uLQ8FmYMCUA). Saving paper and reducing waste are just a few of the many benefits to filing online. If you applied by paper, ... Paper applications are still being processed. The application period ends at 11:59 p.m. on March 31." <i>from pfd.alaska.gov</i></p>	<p>Comment by March 19th on the Fairbanks Draft Non-motorized Plan Update CLICK HERE</p> <p>The draft plan was approved for a 30-day public comment period at the 2-17-21 FAST Planning* policy mtg. *Fairbanks Area Surface Transportation, an independent 501c3 non-profit... [to] invest in local road improvement and non-motorized projects... make our community eligible for federal transportation funding... engage the public in our planning processes... [& more]...</p>

#NoWar2021 Virtual Conference: June 4-6, 2021 **From Weapons Fairs to War Zones: Unraveling the War Machine**
Early-bird tickets are now available!

Will new facets of ARMS RACE make us safer? The Army Is Building the World's Most Powerful Laser Weapon. Ever.

"Did you know that the United States has over 200,000 troops stationed on more than 800 bases in more than 80 countries and all seven continents? The bases embody the U.S. military strategy of "Full Spectrum Dominance." These bases must be closed:

- They are provocative, increasing tensions throughout the world.
- They cause untold, irreversible damage to the environment.
- Bases often prop up authoritarian regimes.
- Communities living around the bases often experience high levels of rapes committed by foreign soldiers, violent crimes, and loss of land or livelihood. In many countries the agreement that permitted the base stipulates that foreign soldiers who perpetrate crimes cannot be held accountable, since they are granted immunity.
- Maintaining these bases drains hundreds of billions of U.S. tax dollars annually which could be much better used to fund human needs here and abroad.

The Overseas Military Base Empire:

"Break Up With Your Mega Bank, Invest in Fairbanks" - Are you ready to join fellow Fairbanksans and divest from mega banks to invest in Fairbanks? In our regenerative economy work, we are dedicated to bringing funds back to Fairbanks and circulating them within our community. Join the Regenerative Economy Working Group to learn more.
TAKE THE PLEDGE

"If you've ever considered Solarizing your home, business, or place of worship, or if you have *any* questions, sign up **HERE** to learn more!"

"Tell your Senators and Representatives to Vote Yes to Confirm Deb Haaland to Sec. of the Interior <https://bit.ly/3biuc4f>

"Stop the Voter Suppression Bill [SB 39]
Take Action: Submit Your Own Written Testimony
from Native Movement

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Job Openings

Fairbanks Soil & Water Conservation District
JOB ANNOUNCEMENT -Seasonal Natural Resources Technician – Invasive Species
(April-Sept 2021) **Apply by March 12th, 2021**
For questions: Aditi Shenoy, PhD, 479-1213 x104
aditi.shenoy@gmail.com

Farmer Training Apprenticeship at Calypso Farm &Ecology Center Now accepting applications! 2-3 spots are available in a Farmer Training Apprenticeship: a work trade in exchange for farmer training, room and board... designed for participants who are serious about launching their own small-scale farm! **Learn more and apply today!**

NOW HIRING: Farm Educator!

Seasonal Position: May 1 - October 4, 2021
...assist other Farm education staff with the teaching and running of all of Calypso's 2021 youth and family

from Northern Alaska Environmental Center:
"Comment on the Central Yukon Resource Management Plan **by March 11** to let BLM know that they MUST retain the 5150 withdrawal along the Dalton Highway Corridor. **Learn more about this and other talking points here.** ...This is not a 'comment into the abyss' situation. Your comments on this plan will have a hugely positive impact on 13+ million acres as Biden's BLM works to turn this atrocious Trump-era plan, which proposes to open almost the entirety of the planning area open to extraction and development around.

"Read more about the current status of Refuge protection here.

from Calypso Farm &Ecology Center: "

One-Week Farming Intensive June 14-18

Get a crash-course in small-scale farming and homesteading through Calypso's immersive, One-Week Farming Intensive! This hands-on program introduces a broad array of farming, home gardening, and homesteading skills with topics including soil, composting, greenhouse design, bed preparation, animal husbandry, beekeeping basics, and more.

Homesteading Skills Week July 26-30
Calypso's Homesteading Skills course is an active week, full of hands-on learning in a range of homesteading activities including food production, preservation and storage, animal husbandry, wood and wool crafts, and more. **One-Week Intensives**

Youth Volunteer Opportunities!
We're looking for volunteers for our 2021

Presentation by Leah Bolger, President of the Board, World BEYOND War and retired U.S. Naval officer. She will present on the social, environmental, and economic impact of U.S. bases and how to close them."

"Sign and share this new petition that we will deliver to 35 nations' governments demanding that they remove troops from Afghanistan, and to 7 thanking them for having done so. (Click to see which nations they are.)
from WorldBEYONDWar

from info@rohingyacampaign.org: "On Thursday, Facebook announced that it would remove all remaining Myanmar military and military-controlled pages from its site and from Instagram... significantly deprives the military of its largest communication platform. Facebook has a long and shameful history of letting the military circulate disinformation and outright hate speech. And, even with its decision, Facebook still lets the military use its platforms to promote its companies and products.

Your actions work. We are holding to account the Myanmar military's corporate collaborators. So let's all take ...actions today to help bring down the Myanmar military!

--End... #GenocideGems

--Stop oil and gas money to the military

--Cloudflare stop protecting military websites.

--Facebook completely ban Myanmar military"

education programs, including summer camps, field trips, and school-age programming in the fall. Visit [our website](#) for full job description and application instructions

Veterans For Peace is seeking a digital organizer
Military veterans, BIPOC and women are strongly encouraged to apply. [Click here for more info!](#)

Co-op Market & Deli has openings: [Learn More](#)

Defenders of Wildlife hiring Senior Representative.
This professional-level position works collaboratively with the Alaska program staff and is responsible for developing, overseeing, and implementing assigned Defenders' Alaska strategic work plan conservation policy objectives that help implement Defenders' National Strategic Plan.

Native Peoples Action
has a couple openings for Finance & Accounting Manager and a Policy & Campaign Manager. Visit their website for more information and to apply.
[#BeingGoodRelatives](#) [#AdvancingSelfDetermination](#)

Let Your Concerns Be Heard in D.C.:

Rep Don Young in Fbks 456-0210/fax 456-0279;
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

Call ANY Senator/Rep in D.C. via 202-224-3121

The White House: Comments: 202-456-1111

Farm Camps to join the **Farm Camp Youth Leadership Program!** The Farm Camp Youth Leadership Program is a fun way for teens to gain leadership skills while volunteering as junior counselors for Calypso Farm Camps! Teens will have the opportunity to develop hands-on leadership and teamwork skills while assisting with camp activities and helping younger children. All youth volunteers will work directly with Calypso Farm staff and Camp instructors. There is space for multiple youth leaders per session so teens will also be learning and working alongside their peers! Apply today!

CSA: Weekly Vegetables All Summer!
[Community Supported Agriculture] [Info/Signup](#)

Audio & Songs broadcast with this week's Community News:

"Hello this is Rob Mulford, the Asymmetric Moose, with picks for the week of February 28th, 2021, This Saturday's Daily News Miner contained a Tribune News Service article written by David S. Cloud and Nabih Bulos, titled: **U.S. airstrike against Iranian-backed militants in Syria was a message from Biden. What comes next?**

Indeed that is the pivotal question.

As the Tribune News Service article puts it; the United States' executed a predawn airstrike on a Syrian camp, near the city of Deir ez-Zor, purported to be used by Iranian-backed militants accused of attacking American Bases. The purpose for the attack, according to the article, was to send Iran a message from President Biden. When asked by reporters in Houston on Friday to explain this message, Biden elucidated, "You can't act with impunity. Be careful."

My Oxford New American Dictionary defines impunity as: *exemption from punishment or freedom from the injurious consequences of an action*"

The article says that in choosing the Deir ez-Zor camp for bombing, Biden's national security team had engaged in intense debate, taking in consideration, Biden's **hope** of drawing Iran into negotiations over the revival of the 2015 agreement – abandoned by the Trump Administration - that restricted Iran's nuclear program. A choice, for some untold reasons, they felt would be less likely to spark an escalating military conflict. This proposition is at-best dubious, for as the article explains: "Officials said, It was no accident that the U.S. struck what amounted to a base used by the militias, an equivalent target to **their** attacks on the **American** facilities." For clarity I repeat, "A base used by the militias, an equivalent target to **their** attacks on the **American** facilities."

Looking at my National Geographic map of the Middle East, I see that Tehran is a mere 635 miles from the Syrian City of Deir ez-Zor. An online search showed the distance from Washington DC to Deir ez-Zor to be 5924 miles. There is little doubt that the people of Deir ez-Zor have more in common (cultural, ethnic, religious, and familial) with the people of Iran than they have with the United States. In that context, do these people not have the same rights and interests as those claimed by the United States, under its so-called Monroe Doctrine, or does the United States' use of militia proxies trump mutual respect, reciprocity, and international law.

While attending the 2012 Special Operations Summit held in Tampa, Florida by the Institute for Defense and Government Advancement, I heard the head of the Marine Corps University's School of Special Operations, Col. Michael Lewis, explain that one of his jobs was to catch politicians while they were on the campaign train, and to educate them on the way the system works. This may, to some degree, explain the continuity enjoyed by this country's tragically flawed military adventurism.

Blindly accepting impunity as just reward for their self ordained exceptionalism, all empires expire, sometimes painfully. Although it doesn't surprise me, it saddens me to the core that we have yet to abandon this path to perdition.

Speaking of that impunity pathed path to perdition, Phil Ochs sings *Cops of the world*

English singer-songwriter Richard Thompson was cofounder of the popular folk rock band Fairport Convention. Here he sings from the perspective of those whose communities have been by those road crews of damnation in - *Yankee Go Home*

Gone but not forgotten, Dave Cline was president of Veterans For Peace from 2000 to 2006 here he speaks the traumatic experience in Vietnam that taught him – Silence Means Keeping That Lie Going

*Next my friend, Israeli Defense Forces War Refusenick Yonatan Shapira sings about the plight of the disposed Palestinians in – Return
Wage Peace."*

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

You can contact Alaska Peace Center volunteers via email at info@alaskapeace.org

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3% of U.S. military
spending could end
starvation on earth.

alaskapeace.org

Number explained: worldbeyondwar.org/explained

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And/Or you can...

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3535 College Rd Ste 203
Fairbanks AK 99709-3722

or Donate online: www.alaskapeace.org

THANK YOU!

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May Peace be with you! Have a good week!

*Resources for Taking Action are linked at www.AlaskaPeace.org
on events & issues of Peace, Justice, and Sustainability affecting us & future generations in Alaska*

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Active-duty service members and reservists out there: Are you experiencing trouble with your enlistment, considering *conscientious objector* status, or just in need of counseling from professionals trained in the Uniform Code of Military Justice? Call the **GI Rights Hotline** at **877-447-4487**. The call may save you a lot of grief, might even save your life.
