

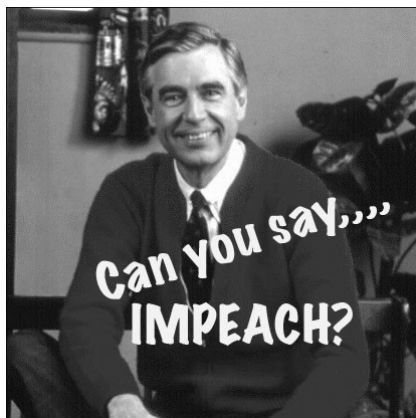


# Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation

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## FRI DEC 28TH IMPEACHMENT PARTY TO CONNECT PEOPLE & ENERGIZE MOVEMENT

*“Who ever thought impeaching Bush & Cheney could be this much fun?”*



Yes, it really is possible to impeach Bush and Cheney! Yes, there really is time to do it!

The facts are clear! The public wants to do it! Let's connect people, energize the movement, and make history!

What do we do when we're in a tough spot? **We throw a party!**

**Come to the Impeachment Party on Friday December 28** at the Woman's Club, 1002 Washington SE, Olympia. The party runs from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Come when you can. Leave when you must.

Enjoy food (pizza, seafood, salad), beverages, music, social time, fun, games, information resources, informal discussions, and action opportunities – a very full evening!

Two popular bands are already confirmed: Bevy, an all-woman Latin jazz band; and Street Karaoke Project.

State Senator Karen Fraser will discuss why she supported State Sen. Eric Oemig's SJM 8016 in the 2007 State Legislature, which urged Congress to consider impeachment. A few other persons will speak very briefly.

We'll have a variety of opportunities to get informed about impeachment, take some specific actions to make progress, plan future outreach and activities, and more.

This is **NOT** a fundraiser! We'll pass the hat and hope to raise just enough to cover the party's expenses.

This is sponsored by the local Citizens Movement to Impeach Bush/Cheney ([www.CitizensImpeach.org](http://www.CitizensImpeach.org)). For information contact 491-9093 or 491-1540.



**Our Mission Statement:** The Olympia Chapter of the Fellowship of Reconciliation seeks to replace violence, war, racism, intolerance, and economic and social injustice with nonviolence, peace and justice. We are an organization of many faiths committed to active nonviolence as a transformative way of life and as a means of profound social change. We model these principles by personal example. We collaborate and dialogue with the larger community to educate and to engage in nonviolent and compassionate actions.

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## 32ND ANNUAL HOLIDAY PEACE VIGIL SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15TH.

*Noon to 1 p.m. on W. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave near Heritage Fountain*

The Olympia FOR invites the public to participate in our **32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Holiday Peace Vigil** on **Saturday December 15 from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.** along both sides of **West Fourth Avenue** - the south side of **Percival Landing** and the north side of **Heritage Fountain**.

Our annual vigil is a widely appreciated Olympia tradition. Children are welcome. We provide a good variety of signs, but participants may bring their own.

We invite vigilers to enjoy social time and free refreshments at a nearby location when the vigil ends at 1:00.

During this holiday season of joy and good will, let us invite the whole community to set aside all militarism and violence, which are the opposites of joy and good will. The December 15 vigil gives participants and passersby an opportunity to pause and consider choosing peace instead of violence. Peace is so much more consistent with the holiday spirit!

The Olympia FOR has also sponsored a weekly peace vigil in Sylvester Park at the corner of Legion and Capitol Way, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. every Wednesday since March 5, 1980, and another vigil at the south end of Percival Landing every Friday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. since November 1998.

A flyer and a news release will soon be available for downloading from our website, [www.olyfor.org](http://www.olyfor.org). Info: Glen Anderson at (360) 491-9093 or [glen@olywa.net](mailto:glen@olywa.net). Contact Dan 352-3293 regarding bringing or helping with refreshments.

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## HUNDREDS PROTEST THE PORT OF OLYMPIA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE IRAQ WAR - BY GLEN ANDERSON PHOTOS BY ROB WHITLOCK



Olympia peace activists made local, national and international news again in mid-November for their courageous nonviolent resistance to the Port of Olympia's complicity in the illegal U.S. war and military occupation of Iraq.

Participants and independent progressive news media reported very different realities from those reported by governmental and mainstream news sources. People who rely on mainstream news would gain better understanding by also talking with participants and checking out other news sources, including the December issue of *Works in Progress* (also on-line at [www.olywip.org](http://www.olywip.org))

The activities were organized by Olympia Port Military Resistance (OlyPMR), which adopted a clear and principled statement of nonviolence in February 2007 and has worked recently to oppose shipments of war equipment through the ports of Olympia, Tacoma and Aberdeen. OlyPMR continued to publicize its nonviolence statement several times throughout the November actions.

In early November OlyPMR learned that the USNS Brittin would arrive on Monday November 5 bringing Stryker equipment back from Iraq through the Port of Olympia to Fort Lewis. The equipment belongs to the 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, whose roughly 3,600 soldiers returned home in October from a 15-month deployment to Iraq – except for the 48 who died from injuries sustained in Iraq.

In May 2006 OlyPMR had attempted to block the outgoing shipment of this very same brigade. During that 10-day protest 37 peace activists were arrested.

In November OlyPMR released a statement saying, “We oppose Olympia's complicity in a war whose disastrous effects have been felt worldwide and we will actively resist the use of Olympia's port to further that war. ... Through non-violent actions we intend to stop the Port of Olympia from becoming a revolving door of military machinery furthering

illegal war.” Initially OlyPMR considered protesting the war without trying to stop the war equipment from returning to Fort Lewis, but OlyPMR members discussed the matter and concluded that the equipment would be repaired and sent back to Iraq. This led to the “revolving door” concept in the statement above – and to the recognition that people can stop a “revolving door” at any point in its rotation.

OlyPMR also notified the press and public of the danger of so-called “depleted uranium” (DU), which is actually not very depleted, despite its name. DU is extremely hard, so the U.S. military uses artillery shells with DU tips. When they strike a vehicle, a building's wall, or other object, the DU vaporizes into microscopic particles that contaminate the area with radioactivity for hundreds of thousands of years and cause cancer and birth defects. OlyPMR issued a statement saying, “The equipment being unloaded is likely to be contaminated with depleted uranium. Consequently, we are concerned about the health effects on our local port workers, and plan to reach out with information regarding the effects of DU. This material is hazardous to all people; if moved through Olympia it poses a threat to our community's safety as a whole as it already has to U.S. soldiers in Iraq and the Iraqi people. ... We ask the people of Olympia to join us in opposing and resisting this war and the militarization of our community.”

The current series of public actions began with between 150 and 200 persons participating in a “Family Friendly March and Rally” at 4 p.m. Tuesday November 6 at Percival Landing and at the Port of Olympia's main gate.

According to an OlyPMR news release, at 2:30 a.m. Thursday morning November 8 police doused a cluster of about 20 people with pepper spray in order to grab one man in their midst. Two persons were arrested and several persons reported minor injuries. OlyPMR reported participation of a “private” security company and excessive force by local police.

Frequent gatherings at the port and frequent meetings to share information and plan further activities happened over the next several days.

On Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup>, OlyPMR reported, “Dozens of protesters blocked the road with their bodies as one convoy after another exited the Port of Olympia. In each case, the convoys eventually passed after police shoved and struck protesters with batons and dragged them from the road in order to clear the way.” The OlyPMR reported “large numbers of police in full riot gear” marching onto the scene. Participants observed that the police officers’ (cont on page 3)

## HUNDREDS PROTEST THE PORT OF OLYMPIA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE IRAQ WAR - CONT

riot gear and demeanor seemed to expect and even provoke a serious confrontation.

On Sunday evening November 11, Olympia City Council member TJ Johnson opened city hall "for an emergency community forum, where a packed city council chamber heard compelling testimony from more than sixty citizens who experienced police brutality over the preceding several days," according to OlyPMR.

On Tuesday evening the 13<sup>th</sup>, nearly 40 women linked arms and placed their bodies in the road blocking the port's main gate. The women chanted, "No force is necessary. We are non-violent. No weapons on our bodies. We are non-violent." They prevented the military equipment from leaving the port. Olympia police wearing full riot gear moved in, used pepper spray on them, and dragged them away. Then another blockade formed, and police used pepper spray and dragged protesters out of the streets. A great many more peace activists blocked the vehicles, and police used concussion grenades and pepper bullets on the crowd.

At various times during the days and nights of nonviolent resistance to the war, police sometimes prevented medics from reaching injured persons, pepper-sprayed medics, pepper-sprayed three journalists and photographers, and pepper-sprayed and kicked legal observers and bystanders alike. PMR reported that police often removed demonstrators' protective goggles in order to expose their eyes directly to the chemicals the police were using.

Finally, on Saturday November 17, 400 persons of all ages marched through the streets of Olympia to protest the war in Iraq and the police violence toward demonstrators during the past two weeks. Carrying banners proclaiming "Not in Our Port," the crowd marched through downtown, directly past the port gate, site of much of the recent violence. Phan Nguyen, an active OlyPMR organizer, said, "We've affirmed that the Port of Olympia belongs to the members of the Olympia community. The road to Iraq ends here."

Olympia's resistance to war has inspired peace activists throughout the U.S. and the world. OlyPMR has issued a call for people everywhere to find the ways that their own communities participate in the war, and to join together to creatively resist that participation:

"We are ordinary people who have found a way to organize ourselves in resistance to this unjust war. We call on all people of goodwill to find their own methods of creative non-compliance. In so doing, we will be joining together to dis-



sent from unlawful and unjust authority, which should be considered the essence of democracy. In this way we will act in the interests of the Iraqis, the soldiers, our children, and ourselves."

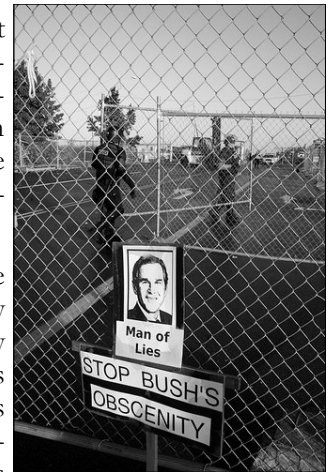
Throughout this time, the peace activists were overwhelmingly nonviolent. But – as with any public event where emotions run high – a few individuals acted on their own without regard to the nonviolent standards of the sponsoring organization. Mainstream news media were quick to report on – and emphasize – those, as they did at the 1999 WTO protests in Seattle, where the media focused on 50 people's activities and ignored the 50,000 people's nonviolent activities and the crucial issues they were raising about the global economy.

In an attempt to correct this imbalance, this article provides information you might not have seen elsewhere. We encourage people to seek out additional sources of information, including the December issue of *Works in Progress* (also available at [www.olywip.org](http://www.olywip.org)).

OlyPMR issued press releases that provided information not covered adequately in mainstream news media. A tremendous amount of information is posted at the website of the Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace (OMJP), [www.omjp.org/Port2007.html](http://www.omjp.org/Port2007.html). News reports are posted at [www.seattle.indymedia.org](http://www.seattle.indymedia.org) and [www.portland.indymedia.org](http://www.portland.indymedia.org), and video footage is also posted additional websites. For example, go to [www.YouTube.com](http://www.YouTube.com) and search for Olympia+Port.

A recent OlyPMR news release offered these contact persons for more information: Andrew Yankey (360) 349-1089, Noah Sochet (510) 325-8138, Anna-Marie Murano (360) 878-1401, Sandy Mayes (360) 878-3238

What is the responsibility of the people involved in facilitating the illegal U.S. war and military occupation of Iraq? What is the responsibility of the general public? After World War II the U.S. prosecuted Nazi war criminals for war crimes and crimes against humanity. We established the Nuremberg Principles, which insisted that claiming to be merely following orders was not a legitimate defense. The Nuremberg Principles will soon be posted on the Olympia FOR's website, [www.olyfor.org](http://www.olyfor.org)





For more than 20 years the Olympia FOR has produced one-hour TV programs on issues related to peace, social justice, economics, the environment, and nonviolence. The Olympia FOR's program airs on Thurston Community Television (TCTV), channel 22 for Thurston County's cable TV subscribers. Each program airs **every Monday at 1:30 p.m. and every Thursday at 9:00 p.m. for a full month.** This creates many opportunities to watch each program.

### DECEMBER: "TERRORISM & THE CHALLENGE OF ASYMMETRICAL WAR"

After September 11, 2001, Bush launched what he called a "War on Terror." The Olympia FOR's December TCTV program powerfully challenges the bi-partisan assumption that Bush's so-called "War on Terror" is the right way to deal with the world's problems. Indeed, the program clearly explains why the bipartisan "War on Terror" has actually made problems worse and threatened world security.

The U.S. is the world's only military superpower. Many of our politicians and mainstream media sources even brag about being the world's only military superpower. But the American people should question whether that's really a good thing after all. The U.S.'s massive military and economic power – especially when used to dominate and abuse the rest of the world – antagonizes the rest of the world and creates risks for our nation, as we discovered on September 11, 2001. Instead of reflecting thoughtfully and ethically after that tragedy, the U.S. government compounded the error by lashing out violently, slashing our own civil liberties, and abusing human rights in other countries and in the U.S. itself.

When one nation completely dominates other people militarily, how can the oppressed people fight back? They're outgunned in terms of conventional military power, so – without a balance-of-power symmetry – people resort to "asymmetrical war," the unconventional methods referred to as "terrorism." The Olympia FOR's December TCTV program helps us understand why some people resort to these tactics and what to do about that.

Our guest is Steve Niva, Ph.D., who teaches International Politics and Middle East Studies at the Evergreen State College in Olympia. He has written about U.S. Foreign Policy and the Middle East for a great number and variety of respected publications.

Niva addresses such questions as: Does a "War on Terror" make sense? Did we get distracted from al Qaeda to fighting the "wrong war" in Iraq? What's wrong with the way the U.S. has conceptualized and conducted this war? In asymmetrical warfare, why is military force so counter-productive?

Be sure to watch this fresh, informative and powerful TV program!

### JANUARY: "VENEZUELA: AN UPDATE"

A lot has happened since the Olympia FOR's December 2005 TCTV program on Venezuela. We're happy to provide fresh information now, which is especially needed to counter the distorted propaganda flowing from the U.S. government and mainstream news media.



Am I just another Axis of Evil to you?????

Although the U.S. has long dominated Latin America politically and economically, Latin American people and nations are increasingly resisting that domination. Latin Americans are electing populists who want their nations' economic resources and policies to benefit their people rather than U.S. corporations. Latin American nations are collaborating among themselves – and shunning U.S. interference – to promote healthy economies.

Venezuela is one of the world's major producers of oil. President Hugo Chavez has been using Venezuela's oil wealth to fund health, social and educational services for the Venezuelan people.

Under Chavez, Venezuela has moved toward Socialism in a number of practical, humane ways and also in explicit public statements and policies.

For these and other reasons, the Bush regime has been demonizing Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez, spreading "disinformation" (deliberately false and/or misleading propaganda), and trying to overthrow Venezuela's government.

Our guests – John Regan and Anne Fischel – have solid knowledge and first-hand experience in Venezuela, including several recent trips. John was a guest on our December 2005 TCTV program. Anne teaches at The Evergreen State College in Olympia.

Our guests will help us understand Venezuela and related issues. They'll also help us understand Venezuela's elections, economic and environmental issues, popular media, and grassroots social and political realities.

This program is a great opportunity to learn about the information that the U.S. government and mainstream news media don't want us to know. Be sure to tune in!

## NEWS - RESOURCES - OPPORTUNITIES

**25,000 protest the US Army's School of Americas:** A large and vibrant 18<sup>th</sup> annual vigil in mid-November made more progress toward closing this place where the U.S. army trains Latin American military forces who go back home and commit horrible human rights abuses. Congressman Dennis Kucinich, former Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney, Rabbi Michael Lerner, and Sister Mary Waskowiak addressed the crowd with messages of hope. While thousands commemorated the martyrs in a solemn funeral procession, 11 activists were arrested in related nonviolent civil disobedience actions. Sponsor: SOA Watch, [www.soaw.org](http://www.soaw.org)

Rank any number of options in your order of preference.

- Joe Smith
- 1** Joan Baez
- 3** Jane Doe
- Fred Rubble
- 2** Mary Hill

**Instant runoff voting (IRV) earned landslide support on ballots across the country:** IRV lets voters rank their choices of candidates. If no first-choice candidate exceeds 50% of the votes, the lowest-ranked candidate drops off, the votes of persons who had chosen that candidate are redistributed to their second-choice candidate, and the process repeats with the next lowest-ranked candidate dropping off until one candidate emerges with more than 50% of the votes. IRV allows each voter to vote for whom they want, rather than “the lesser of two evils,” and it eliminates the cumbersome primary election by letting IRV sort out the voters’ preferences during the general election. In November 2007 a whopping 77% of voters in Aspen CO and 78% in Sarasota FL chose to begin using IRV. In Pierce County WA 65% of voters chose a county charter amendment to keep IRV on track for the hotly contested 2008 county executive race. Clallam County WA’s voters narrowly rejected establishing IRV as an option in their county charter. Several cities successfully held ranked voting elections. San Francisco CA held its fourth IRV election overall, and its first for

mayor, with first-round winners in three citywide races. Takoma Park MD smoothly held its first IRV election for mayor, without any spoiled ballots. The city of Hendersonville NC, following in the footsteps of Cary NC in using IRV this fall, had a strong first IRV election for two city council seats. Info: [www.FairVote.org](http://www.FairVote.org)

**Italy pushes worldwide death penalty moratorium:** On September 25 when Italy's premier Romano Prodi addressed the United Nations General Assembly he called for a worldwide moratorium on the death penalty with a view to its complete abolition, a move he said would guarantee better justice around the globe and an end to cultures of vengeance. Prodi told the General Assembly a “growing trend” worldwide against capital punishment boded well for his efforts, and support for the moratorium was growing “day by day” in Europe and in every region of the world. He called for “a society that has at last freed itself from the spiral of revenge.” A moratorium was expected to face opposition from the major users of the death penalty, including China, Saudi Arabia, Iran and the U.S., but about 90 countries had expressed support for Italy’s push for a moratorium. The resolution would need two-thirds of the votes in the 192-member U.N. General Assembly to pass. U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon reportedly supports Prodi’s moratorium proposal. Rome's Coliseum, once the arena for deadly gladiator combat and executions, has become a symbol of the country's stance. Since 1999, it is lit up every time a death sentence is commuted somewhere in the world or a country abolishes capital punishment.

**The 2008 presidential candidates’ positions on the death penalty:** The National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty has put together a non-partisan report reviewing each presidential candidate’s position on the death penalty. The report is in PDF format at: [www.abolishdeathpenalty.org/Resources.htm](http://www.abolishdeathpenalty.org/Resources.htm)

**Environmentalists collaborate to press 2008 State Legislature for “Priorities for a Healthy Washington.”** A coalition of more than 20 environmental groups chose four “Priorities for a Healthy Washington” to focus their energies during the 2008 Washington State Legislative Session. (Two faith-based groups in this coalition are Earth Ministry and the Lutheran Public Policy Office.) Last year the Healthy Washington Coalition succeeded in all four bills: Clean Air/Clean Fuels, Save our Sound, \$100 Million for Wildlife and Recreation Program, and Eliminating Toxic Flame Retardants. **The 2008 Priorities for a Healthy Washington are: Washington Climate Action** (making real, practical progress toward climate-protecting goals), **Local Solutions to Global Warming** (helping local governments make responsible plans to reduce climate disruptions), **Evergreen Cities** (protecting the trees and forests in our cities), **Local Farms - Healthy Kids** (protecting kids’ health and small local farms by getting more locally grown produce into our schools and food banks). More information will be available at [www.environmentalpriorities.org](http://www.environmentalpriorities.org) as these bills are developed further. More info from Earth Ministry 206-632-2426 [www.earthministry.org](http://www.earthministry.org) Also see this newsletter’s Local Calendar listing for Wed Jan 23 and the Out-of-Town Calendar listing for Sat Jan 12.

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**Who should own elections and governments? The broad public or mostly the rich?** Washington Public Campaigns (WPC) wants to stop selling elections and politicians to the highest bidder. WPC wants state and local governments to offer public financing of election campaigns as an alternative to the current system in which “special interests” provide most funding. During December -- before the Washington State Legislature convenes in January – you might ask your state legislators to support “voter-owned elections” (public financing of political campaigns) with a special focus on the “local option,” state legislation that would allow local governments to allow public financing if they choose to. WPC’s website, [www.washclean.org](http://www.washclean.org) shows which legislators support public financing. In the 22<sup>nd</sup> Leg. Dist., State Sen. Karen Fraser and State Rep. Sam Hunt support the local option, and Sam Hunt is listed as also supporting public funding for judicial races. State Rep. Brendan Williams is not listed as supporting any of these bills.

**Powerful information on government secrecy:** The Federation of American Scientists (FAS) has a Project on Government Secrecy and publishes Steven Aftergood’s “Secrecy News,” which has a great reputation for accuracy and jaw-dropping revelations. See [www.fas.org/blog/secrecy](http://www.fas.org/blog/secrecy)

**51% of Americans want Congress to probe Bush and Cheney for 9/11 actions:** A new poll by Zogby International has found that 51% of Americans want Congress to probe the actions of President Bush and Vice President Cheney before, during and after the 9/11 attacks. The poll also found that 67% of respondents feel the 9/11 Commission should have investigated the collapse of the 47-story World Trade Center Building Seven. The poll was sponsored by the website [www.911truth.org](http://www.911truth.org)

**Against war? Then don’t pay for it!** The National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee (NWTRCC) reports a growing number of people signing up for its 2008 War Tax Boycott. NWTRCC invites people to promise to resist some of their war taxes at [www.WarTaxBoycott.org/regform.php](http://www.WarTaxBoycott.org/regform.php) A number of groups support this action, including Voices for Creative Nonviolence, the War Resisters League, the National Campaign for Nonviolent Resistance, Veterans for Peace, and the Nonviolent Direct Action Working Group of United for Peace and Justice. NWTRCC says, “The more signers we have the more impact this campaign will have.” NWTRCC invites people to get information and consider legal and financial risks before making a decision. Info: NWTRCC, PO Box 150553, Brooklyn NY 11215, (718) 768-3420 or toll-free (800) 269-7464. Fax: (718) 768-4388 [www.nwtrcc.org](http://www.nwtrcc.org) [www.wartaxboycott.org](http://www.wartaxboycott.org)



**The Vietnam Friendship Village Project** is a residence for children and elderly people suffering from the impact of agent orange. Built on a former rice paddy near Hanoi, the Friendship Village is a living symbol of peace and reconciliation, an amazing example of former enemies working together for a common compassionate cause. Currently, six countries are involved in this international project. Dan Ryan, a member of the US Committee, is available to present informative documentaries and discussion on this project. He can be reached at 360-352-3293 or [peaceguy02@yahoo.com](mailto:peaceguy02@yahoo.com) The Olympia FOR and South Sound Buddhist Peace Fellowship and other groups have contributed financial support to this worthy cause.

**Help plan Martin Luther King holiday events for January:** Help make the holiday happen here. You can help in any of several different ways. Info: Ruth Elder, Thurston Council on Cultural Diversity and Human Rights, 786-5135 [elderr@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:elderr@co.thurston.wa.us)

**Nominate Pete Seeger for a Nobel Peace Prize:** A growing movement (more than 7,600 individuals and organizations) supports nominating 88-year-old Pete Seeger for a Nobel Peace Prize. On November 10, 2007, the Western Washington Fellowship of Reconciliation formally joined this effort. Since the 1930s when Pete Seeger began singing folk songs and working for peace, labor rights, the environment, civil rights, and social justice, he has inspired countless millions of people, helped shape our sense of human responsibility, and helped to build progressive movements. Info: [www.nobelprize4pete.org](http://www.nobelprize4pete.org)

**PeaceJam activities for young people of all ages:** PeaceJam is an international education program built around leading Nobel Peace Prize Laureates who work personally with youth to pass on the spirit, skills, and wisdom they embody. The goal of PeaceJam is to inspire a new generation of peacemakers who will transform their local communities, themselves, and the world. Different activities are organized for different age groups in various places around the world, including the Pacific Northwest. Info: [www.peacejam.org](http://www.peacejam.org)

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**Grants available to help grassroots groups organize activists and educate on issues of peace, social justice and community empowerment:** The Nonviolent Action Community of Cascadia (NACC), a Seattle-based affiliate of the War Resisters League, invites applications for its 2008 Grants cycle. The funding limit is \$2,000 per recipient group. Apply by January 15, 2008. Grants will be awarded March 1, 2008. See [www.seanacc.org/grants.htm](http://www.seanacc.org/grants.htm) or contact NACC, 4554 12th Ave. NE, Seattle WA 98105 (206) 547-0952

**Paid training and support for local organizers:** The Direct Action & Research Training (DART) Center will accept applications and resumes until December 31 from persons wanting to learn and work for social and economic justice in the DART Organizers Institute's paid, four-month community organizing training program, which will run from June 16 through October 5, 2008. DART's organizers will live in low-to-moderate income neighborhoods and work on issues such as schools, job training, drugs, violence, affordable housing, criminal recidivism, and neighborhood revitalization. The DART Organizers Institute combines a 7-day classroom experience with 15-week field training work. DART's program is designed to prepare people for relevant careers. Info: Ben MacConnel (785) 841-2680 [ben@thedartcenter.org](mailto:ben@thedartcenter.org) [www.thedartcenter.org](http://www.thedartcenter.org)

**Job opportunity: Coordinate nuclear weapons protests & outreach in Nevada:** The Nevada Desert Experience (NDE), which organizes protests for faith-based persons and others near Nevada's nuclear test site near Las Vegas, seeks an Executive Coordinator (full-time or two people at half-time each). Speak to groups, facilitate youth workshops, reach out to diverse religious groups for Sacred Week Peace Walk, and help coordinate spring events at the desert site. Negotiable salary, health stipend, housing. Contact 702-646-4814 [info@NevadaDesertExperience.org](mailto:info@NevadaDesertExperience.org)

## Impeach Cheney Through H.Res. 333/799 in U.S. House Judiciary Committee

Very clearly Bush and Cheney have committed impeachable offenses. The Olympia-based Citizens Movement to Impeach Bush/Cheney ([www.CitizensImpeach.org](http://www.CitizensImpeach.org)) and the nationwide After Downing Street ([www.AfterDowningStreet.org](http://www.AfterDowningStreet.org)) have plenty of information. The impeachment movement continues to grow, but some people worry about impeaching Bush and being stuck with Cheney. Congressman Dennis Kucinich (D-OH) produced a remedy, **H.Res. 333, which focuses on impeaching Cheney. Recently H.Res. 333 became H.Res. 799.**



On Tuesday November 6 Kucinich raised the impeachment issue directly on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives and requested a floor vote for debate. House Democratic leaders moved to table the bill. Most House Democrats – who are generally very skittish and even negative about impeachment – wanted to table it, but Republicans saw a partisan advantage in forcing Democrats to take the vote about debating whether to impeach Cheney, which they thought would go against impeachment, and would thereby vindicate Cheney.

Although 165 Republicans voted with Rep. Kucinich and 85 other brave Democrats to force a debate on impeachment, in the end H.Res. 799 was sent back to the Judiciary Committee on a motion passed with the support of all but 5 Democrats (Kucinich, Bob Filner, Marcy Kaptur, Maxine Waters, and Ed Towns).

People who support impeachment urge people to:

- 1) Contact the House Judiciary Committee at (202) 225-3951 and demand full and thorough hearings on Rep. Dennis Kucinich's H.Res. 799 (formerly H.Res. 333) to impeach Cheney.
- 2) Urge House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and other Democratic leaders in the House to support impeachment.
- 3) Although the House Judiciary Committee includes nobody from Washington state (see list at <http://capwiz.com/fconl/directory/committees.tt?commid=hjudi>), it doesn't hurt to contact Committee members, explain their important nationwide role in protecting the Constitution from Bush and Cheney, and urge immediate hearings on H.Res 799/333.
- 4) Urge your own Congressperson to co-sponsor H.Res. 799/333 and to urge the House Judiciary Committee to hold hearings on it. Brian Baird (3<sup>rd</sup> Cong.Dist.) has an Olympia office at 120 Union Ave Suite 105, just west of Capitol Way, and has office phone 352-9768 and office fax 352-9241. Adam Smith (9<sup>th</sup> Cong.Dist.) has a Tacoma office at 3600 Port of Tacoma Road Suite 106, just north of I-5 between Tacoma and Fife, and has office phone (253) 896-3775 and office fax (253) 896-3789.
- 5) Write letters to the editor of your local paper, and promote the issue in additional ways.

For more information contact the Olympia-based Citizens Movement to Impeach Bush/Cheney at 491-1540 or 491-9093 [www.CitizensImpeach.org](http://www.CitizensImpeach.org)

## BUILDING AN EFFECTIVE PEACE MOVEMENT

This is the first of a series of articles exploring various ways the peace movement can strengthen itself and become more effective. These articles recognize that: (1) The way to win peace and social justice is through grassroots organizing to build an ever-larger movement of the general public; (2) To win public opinion, nonviolence is both necessary and powerful; (3) We need to strategize carefully to build this movement through a variety of smart campaigns and activities; and (4) Details that might seem small can mean the difference between success and failure. Each upcoming issue of the Olympia FOR newsletter will include an article related to one of these topics, although not necessarily in this 1-2-3-4 order.

### GRASSROOTS PEOPLE-POWER CAN WIN HEARTS AND MINDS - Glen Anderson

The American people are intensely frustrated with the way things are going. Public opinion polls show ever-larger majorities saying our country is headed in the wrong direction. It's the war, the economy, political corruption, campaigns sold to the highest bidder, dangerous products sold to consumers, loss of privacy, inadequate health care – the list goes on and on.

The American people know we can't look to Congress for leadership. People voted Democratic majorities into the U.S. House and Senate, but they continue to support Bush's wars and his abuse of our civil liberties. The American people know the problems are more fundamental than a mere change of political party can solve. The Democrats won't save us – not a Democratic Congress, and not even a Democratic President.

Don't look to any level of government for leadership. I often wear a button that says, "When the people lead, eventually the leaders will follow." A powerful saying affirms, "We are the people we've been waiting for." **The solution to the mess we're in is a number of issue-based grassroots movements for political and social change.**

Therefore – no matter which issue we're working on – in order for a political or social change movement to win, the movement must:

- (1) **Make the issue so hot and compelling that society will have to deal with it.**
- (2) **Reach out to the general public, educate the public, and convince an increasingly larger majority of the public.**
- (3) **Mobilize this new majority into an effective force that brings about the necessary social or political change.**

In order to win public opinion, the movement must reach out to the public from the **inside** – as Americans who are grounded in society's deeply held values, beliefs, traditions, and symbols. We must show that **the movement upholds these true American values**, while the powerful forces promoting militarism and empire are violating them.

**Actions and attitudes that insult the general public's values or intelligence alienate the very public whom we need to reach!** Treating mainstream Americans as if they were the enemy – or even treating them with smug superiority – antagonizes them and prevents them from hearing our message.

Often the peace movement faces an uphill struggle because militarists slander us as "communists" or "terrorists" or some other negative identity, and the mainstream news media reinforce stereotypes against us. While rejecting these labels we also need to create and communicate our own image.

Sometimes the actions of a few reinforce the negative stereotypes. The general public does not want to join a grumpy, angry movement, but they will be attracted to a movement that is working for a better world and other clearly positive goals. We need to reach out to the public in friendly and open ways – with understanding and solidarity as we help the public see how peace and other progressive policies are really in their best interests.

Fresh approaches can catch public attention and help them see the movement in fresh ways. Old stereotypes of activism (methods, messages, images, etc.) can keep the public as well as activists stuck in ways that have stopped communicating the message we really want to convey. Such tunnel vision could marginalize ourselves.

For example, many mainstream people oppose the war but don't see themselves as the kind of people who attend rallies. If this is our primary activity, they will conclude that they don't belong in the peace movement. **We need to reach out to people where they currently are**, and not merely tell them to come to us at our stereotypical events.

In what fresh, creative, practical ways could we reach out to the general public and help them see that their values and self-interest really would cause them to reject militarism and to consider a different foreign policy? (cont on page 9)



## DID OIL PEAK IN 2006? OIL SHORTAGES DRIVE PRICES MUCH HIGHER! ARE MORE WARS FOR OIL IN OUR FUTURE? - Glen Anderson

Growing number of reports suggest that world oil production likely reached its peak in 2006, and that less oil will be extracted this year and in each year henceforth. Meanwhile, global demand for oil keeps growing every year. The law of supply and demand dictates that oil prices will rise ever-higher.

Environmental sustainability analyst Lester Brown thinks we likely extracted as much oil from Mother Nature in 2006 as we are ever likely to. More and more experts agree. Although Saudi Arabia had claimed that it can produce more oil, Saudi output so far in 2007 is down six percent from 2006.

On April 24, 2007, Dr. Ali Samsam Bakhtiari, an oil expert reported, "... My World Oil Production Capacity model has predicted that **over the next 14 years**, present global extraction of 82 million barrels per day will **decrease by roughly 32%**, down to around 55 million barrels per day by the year 2020." Not long ago oil cost less than \$20 a barrel, and just a few years ago oil people worried that oil might rise as high as \$50 a barrel. Lately it has been more than \$80 a barrel and climbing. In 2006, in an address to Australia's senate, Bakhtiari stated, "I can see a range of \$100-150 [per barrel of oil] not very far into the future." ([www.energybulletin.net/29162.html](http://www.energybulletin.net/29162.html))

Andrew Gould, CEO of Schlumberger, a major oil-related corporation, said that it would not be unreasonable to estimate an average decline of 8% per year. Oil expert Matthew Simmons also believes that an 8% rate of decline is possible. He notes that Saudi Arabia's fields were mismanaged in ways that damaged their long-term use and will cause their productivity to decline more sharply after those wells peak. As a result, he estimates that Saudi Arabia's oil reserves are probably half of what is reported.

Lester Brown has reported that the German Energy Watch Group expects oil extraction to decline 7% per year and fall from more than 80 million barrels a day now to only 58 million barrels a day by 2020. The U.S.'s whole economy, urban and suburban design, and lifestyles are based on the automobile and cheap gas. About 88% of U.S. workers travel to work by car. Peak oil will hit the U.S. very hard.

Even a small drop in oil supply can have serious effects.

If – after peaking – oil extraction declines 8% per year, this means that world oil extraction would decline by almost half in just eight years. If the world currently consumes 82 million barrels per day, what would happen if only 41 million barrels per day were available? What would happen to the price? Who would be priced out of the market? What would happen to inflation?

Some analysts suggest that a shortfall between demand and supply as little as 10 to 15 percent is enough to wholly shatter an oil-dependent economy and reduce its citizenry to poverty. ([www.energybulletin.net/19131.html#sdendnote48sym](http://www.energybulletin.net/19131.html#sdendnote48sym))

The U.S. already conquered Afghanistan, installed U.S. oil company executives in charge, and arranged for an oil pipeline across it owned by U.S. companies instead of the foreign companies with whom the Taliban had been doing business. The U.S. conquered oil-rich Iraq, installed U.S. oil company executives in charge, and plans to militarily occupy it for the foreseeable future. The Bush regime is currently threatening war against oil-rich Iran. The Bush regime has been waging a propaganda war against oil-rich Venezuela and has already tried to overthrow its government. (See our January TCTV program, page 4.)

The Bush regime fooled Congress, the mainstream media and the American people into thinking that the war against Iraq was to protect the U.S. from Iraq (and more recently about terrorism), but it is very clear that it's about keeping the oil flowing.

The U.S.'s foreign policy elite is afraid that the chaos in Iraq will spread to nearby oil-rich countries. Bigwigs in both big political parties are calling for more U.S. militarism to protect the flow of oil from the Persian Gulf region. Many prominent Democrats and Republicans support an independent task force report titled, "National Security Consequences of U.S. Oil Dependency." The report was released in October 2006 by the bipartisan Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), which is co-chaired by John Deutch, deputy secretary of defense in the Clinton Administration, and James Schlesinger, defense secretary in the Nixon and Ford administrations. The report urges the U.S. military to keep oil flowing from the Persian Gulf region.

Mainstream Democrats accept that. For example, both Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama have called for the U.S. to keep a strong military presence in the region. Even while mainstream Democrats waffle over "redeploying" the U.S. military to be slightly outside of Iraq, they still want the U.S. military to use violence when needed in the region to keep oil flowing to us.

The industrial West – especially the U.S. – has been drunk on an oil binge for more than half a century. Like all drunken binges, it is not sustainable. Endless economic "growth" is not sustainable.

Another area of conflict is that – although the U.S. dollar has been the prescribed currency for conducting oil transactions since about 1974 – the U.S. is making itself so unpopular, the U.S. deficits are so out-of-control, and the U.S. dollar is weakening so much that many countries don't want to hold dollars. Now OPEC is considering whether to stop using the U.S. dollar for the global oil trade. If that happens, there will be less demand for U.S. dollars, and the dollar's value will plummet further.

For information about the Peak Oil crisis, contact the Olympia FOR at (360) 491-9093 [info@olyfor.org](mailto:info@olyfor.org)



## LOCAL CALENDAR

### Within Thurston County

FOR-sponsored events have a ♦ before them.



These TCTV programs use cable channel 22 in Thurston County.

**The events on this page occur every week.**

The Every Every Every Every Department: ▼▼▼

♦ Every Sunday evening at 10 pm and every Monday and Wednesday morning at 3:30 am: **“Big Picture” Videos on TCTV:** The Olympia FOR airs interesting documentaries on TCTV at 10 pm every Sunday during the month. DEC: **“Tough Guise: Violence, Media & the Crisis in Masculinity.”** JAN: **“The Oil Factor: Behind the War on Terror.”** See article on page 9. Info: Carol 866-7645 [carolburns98@comcast.net](mailto:carolburns98@comcast.net)

Every Monday through Friday from 5:00 to 6:00 am AND from 4:00 to 5:00 pm: **“Democracy Now”** with Amy Goodman on TCTV

Every Monday through Friday from 9:00 to 10:00 am: **“Democracy Now”** with Amy Goodman on KAOS 89.3 FM

Every Monday through Friday from 5:00 to 5:30 pm: **Free Speech Radio News** on KAOS 89.3 FM

Every Monday from 6:00 to 7:00 am: **“Reclaiming Democracy,”** a locally produced program on TCTV, addresses issues related to big business, public policy, democratic values, etc. Info: [www.sounddemocracy.org](http://www.sounddemocracy.org) or Rus Geh 705-0862 [rusgeh@yahoo.com](mailto:rusgeh@yahoo.com)

♦ Every Monday from 1:30 to 2:30 pm: Olympia FOR’s TCTV Program: DEC: **“Terrorism and the Challenge of Asymmetrical War.”** JAN: **“Venezuela: An Update.”** See article on page 4.

Every Tuesday from 7:00 to 9:00 pm: **Nonviolent Communication Practice Group:** Liv Monroe facilitates a weekly NVC practice group for anyone who has attended an NVC introductory session or read the book *Nonviolent Communication* by Marshall Rosenberg, Ph.D. No charge, but donations are appreciated. Definitely phone Liv at (360) 357-4503 first to make sure it’s happening at the normal time and place, the Olympia UU Church, 2200 East End St. NW, Olympia.

Every Tuesday from 8:00 to 9:00 pm: **Progressive Roundtable Forum** on TCTV features guests discussing public issues.

♦ Every Wednesday from 12:00 to 1:00 pm: **Peace Vigil** in NW corner of Sylvester Park (corner of Legion & Capitol Way). Please come for all or part of the hour to witness in a very friendly way for peace and nonviolence. We provide plenty of signs, or you may bring your own. Info: 491-9093 [info@olyfor.org](mailto:info@olyfor.org)

Every Wednesday from 2:00 to 3:00 pm: **Progressive Roundtable Forum** on TCTV features guests discussing public issues.

Community Radio 89.3 fm  
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Every Thursday from 12 to 1 pm: **“Parallel University”** on KAOS 89.3 FM features interesting, informative programs about peace, social justice, the environment, progressive politics, and other alternative viewpoints. Info: [parralleluniversity@yahoo.com](mailto:parralleluniversity@yahoo.com)

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♦ Every Friday from 4:30 to 5:30 pm: **Peace Vigil** at south end of Percival Landing near W 4th Ave. Please join us for whatever length of time you can. We provide plenty of signs, or you may bring your own. Sponsor: Olympia FOR. Info: 491-9093 [info@olyfor.org](mailto:info@olyfor.org)



Every Friday from 5:00 to 6:00 pm: **“Women in Black” Silent Vigil for Peace** on the south side of W. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. near the fountain. Women only. Please wear black. Some signs are provided. “Women in Black” is a loose network of women worldwide committed to peace with justice and actively opposed to war and violence since 1988. Info: Karin Kraft 754-5352 [kraftkf@comcast.net](mailto:kraftkf@comcast.net)

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**Wed Dec 5: Stop big business abuses and corporate personhood:** The **South Puget Sound Chapter of the Alliance for Democracy** meets on the first Wednesday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Olympia Unitarian Universalist Church, 2200 East End St NW, Olympia. Info: their highly informative website, [www.sounddemocracy.org](http://www.sounddemocracy.org) or Jacqui Brown Miller 236-9684 [jacquiAFD@comcast.net](mailto:jacquiAFD@comcast.net)

**Fri Dec 7: “Black Gold” – Watch and discuss this film about multinational coffee companies.** At more than \$80 billion a year, coffee is the most valuable trading commodity in the world after oil. Multinational coffee companies dominate this industry. Sadly, the price paid to coffee farmers remains terribly low. The movie “Black Gold” ([www.blackgoldmovie.com](http://www.blackgoldmovie.com)) examines the issues. Watch it at 7:00 pm at the Olympia Unitarian-Universalist Congregation (OUUC), 2200 East End St NW, Olympia. Stay for a discussion with buyers from two of Olympia’s prominent coffee companies. Everyone is welcome. Free, but \$5-\$25 sliding-scale donations are welcome. This is part of a monthly movie series sponsored by OUUC’s Social Justice Committee and the Alliance for Democracy’s South Puget Sound Chapter. Movies play on the first Friday of each month at the same location. Info: Howard Rosenfeld, 360-790-4020 [hrstruggle@comcast.net](mailto:hrstruggle@comcast.net) or Jacqui Brown Miller at 360-236-9684 or [jacquiAFD@comcast.net](mailto:jacquiAFD@comcast.net)

**Mon Dec 10: Impeach Bush/Cheney:** Gather with other local folks to plan further activities. 7:00-9:00 pm at the Olympia Center, 222 Columbia NW, downtown. Sponsor: Citizens Movement to Impeach Bush/Cheney, 491-9093 or 491-1540 [www.CitizensImpeach.org](http://www.CitizensImpeach.org)

**Tues Dec 11: Protect the separation of church and state:** The new local chapter of Americans United for Separation of Church and State will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 at a location to be scheduled soon (most likely at the Olympia Center, 222 Columbia NW). Info: Barry Christianson, 379-4055 [phoenixresearch@cablespeed.com](mailto:phoenixresearch@cablespeed.com)

**Tues Dec 11: “Communicating to Connect” – A Free Introduction to Nonviolent Communication:** Would you like to fill your world with more respect, hope and love – and reduce the criticism, misunderstanding and

violence? Liv Monroe offers her popular introduction to Nonviolent Communication, providing specific, immediately usable tools to promote honesty and compassion. **Nonviolent Communication (NVC)**, Marshall Rosenberg’s radical process, helps resolve conflicts and reduce criticism, defensiveness, blame, shame, misunderstandings and violence between and within individuals. Join us to see if this fits for you as a way to increase the world’s supply of respect, integrity, trust, cooperation, and love. 6:45-9:00 pm at Lincoln School Cafeteria, 21<sup>st</sup> & Washington SW, Olympia. Info: Liv Monroe 357-4503 [www.psncc.org](http://www.psncc.org)

L ◆ **Wed Dec 12: Olympia FOR Steering Committee meets** to provide overall guidance and decision-making. 7:00 pm at Dennis Mills’ home in NW Olympia. Everyone is welcome to attend. Info: 491-9093 [info@olyfor.org](mailto:info@olyfor.org)

**Wed Dec 12: Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace (OMJP)** meets from 7 to 9 pm to plan a variety of activities to work for justice and peace everywhere. Olympia Community Free School, 610 Columbia SW. Everyone is welcome. Info: Larry Mosqueda 867-6513 [www.omjp.org](http://www.omjp.org)

**Thurs Dec 13: “The Effects of Sub-Prime Mortgage Lending and the Housing Market on the US and WA Economy”** presentation by TESC professor Peter Bohmer, 12 noon to 1 pm at Spangler Hall Lounge, St. Martin’s University. Sponsor: Olympia Economics Club. Info: Lizbeth 786-5123

**Fri Dec 14: Heartsparkle Players: “Stories of Finding Home”** -- Playback Theatre is a spontaneous collaboration between performers and the audience. People tell moments from their lives, then watch them re-created with movement, music and dialogue.



Heartsparkle Players is an outstanding local troupe with a loyal following. This month’s performance is in collaboration with Camp Quixote, an independent free-form tent city in

Olympia, formed by the Poor People’s Union, who believe shelter, dignity and mental and physical health are basic human entitlements. 7:30 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water. A \$5-\$10 donation is suggested, but no one will be turned away. Info: Debe Edden 943-6772 [debek@olywa.net](mailto:debek@olywa.net)



◆ **Sat Dec 15: Olympia FOR's 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Holiday Peace Vigil: 12-1 pm:** Gather with 150 other folks on W 4<sup>th</sup> Ave near the fountain and the south end of Percival Landing (4<sup>th</sup> & Water) to literally "stand up for peace." Enjoy social time and refreshments afterward nearby. Plenty of signs available, or you may bring your own. Invite family & friends! Spread the word! Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation has sponsored this annually for 32 years. Info: 491-9093 [info@olyfor.org](mailto:info@olyfor.org)

**Sun Dec 16: Veterans for Peace:** All veterans and others are invited to connect and work for peace. 1:30 social time. 2:00 pm meeting. Traditions Cafe, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water. Info: Jody Tiller 705-3384 [hungryforpeace@gmail.com](mailto:hungryforpeace@gmail.com)

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**Fri Dec 28: Sunrise peace vigil for innocent children caught in war:** On this traditional Feast of Holy Innocents day, please gather from 7:00 to 8:00 am for a sunrise peace vigil to remember Afghan, Iraqi and other children who are victims of war. The children victims of our weapons and policies and dismissed as "collateral damage." We will challenge this dismissal and challenge the continued war policies that create more child victims. Gather from 7:00 to 8:00 am on the south side of Fourth Avenue west of Water Street, across from Oyster House Restaurant in downtown Olympia. Info: Bob Zeigler 570-0848 [zeiglerbob@msn.com](mailto:zeiglerbob@msn.com)

**Fri Dec 28: Impeachment Party!** "Who ever thought impeaching Bush & Cheney would be this much fun? 5:00-9:00 pm at The Woman's Club, 1002 Washington SE, Olympia. See page 1. Sponsor: Citizens Move-

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**Fri Jan 4: "Independent America" – Watch and discuss this film about the growing discontent with big corporate America.** Subtitled, "The Two Lane Search for Mom & Pop," the film documents two people hit the road and travel 13,000 miles through 32 states in search of Independent America with two simple rules: (1) Use only secondary highways and country roads instead of interstates, and (2) Do business only with Mom & Pop businesses, no chains. The filmmakers capture pockets of resistance across the country, which adds up to a nationwide opposition. This film encourages people to think hard about where they spend their money. And it offers a rare, and comprehensive view of a country at loggerheads with the free market economy it has mastered. Watch "IndependentAmerica" ([www.independentamerica.net/main\\_movie.html](http://www.independentamerica.net/main_movie.html)) and discuss it at 7:00 pm at the Olympia Unitarian-Universalist Congregation (OUUC), 2200 East End St NW, Olympia. Free, but \$5-\$25 sliding-scale donations are welcome. This is part of a monthly movie series sponsored by OUUC's Social Justice Committee and the Alliance for Democracy's South Puget Sound Chapter. Movies play on the first Friday of each month at the same location. Info: Howard Rosenfeld, 360-790-4020 [hrstruggle@comcast.net](mailto:hrstruggle@comcast.net) or Jacqui Brown Miller at 360-236-9684 or [jacquiAFD@comcast.net](mailto:jacquiAFD@comcast.net) or [www.sounddemocracy.org](http://www.sounddemocracy.org) and [www.olyuu.org](http://www.olyuu.org)

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**Fri Jan 11: Countering the Military Recruiters:** Aimee Allison and David Solnit, counter-recruitment activists with the “Army of None Project” and authors of the powerful and practical new book, *Army of None: Strategies to Counter Military Recruitment*, will present information, sign books, and answer individual questions. Bands will be featured before and after. Food and drinks will be provided. 7:00 pm to 12:00 midnight at the Eagles Club, at the corner of Plum and 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, Olympia. Sponsor: Know All You Can Know (KAYCK) Info: Molly 412-1519 or Anne 206-719-7098 [rosie1352@comcast.net](mailto:rosie1352@comcast.net)

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**Sat Jan 12: Holly Gwinn Graham performs music and stories highlighting 35 years of activism – “Gallstones in the Belly of the Beast”-** 8:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water. Info: [www.traditionsfairtrade.com](http://www.traditionsfairtrade.com)

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**Fri Jan 18 to Fri Feb 1: 5th Annual Middle East Film Festival** sponsored by Students Educating Students About the Middle East (SESAME). Watch films from and about the Middle East, Central Asia, North Africa and the Arab World, and hear a variety of speakers. Enjoy the Opening Night Hip Hop Show on Friday January 18. Wrap up the series with a discussion of ending the war and military occupation in Iraq. Info: Anna Murano [ammurano@gmail.com](mailto:ammurano@gmail.com)

◆ **Sat Jan 19: Deadline for Olympia FOR’s Feb-March Newsletter:** Mail or e-mail articles, news, calendar items, etc., before this date if possible, or slightly past this date for late-breaking news. Contact Glen 491-9093 [info@olyfor.org](mailto:info@olyfor.org)

**Sun Jan 20: Olympia Veterans for Peace:** All veterans and others are invited to connect and work for peace. 1:30 social time. 2:00 pm meeting. Traditions Cafe, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water. Info: Jody Tiller 705-3384 [hungryforpeace@gmail.com](mailto:hungryforpeace@gmail.com)

**Mon Jan 21: Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday:** Look for publicity about a variety of activities, including the afternoon celebration at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts. Info: Ruth Elder, Thurston Council on Cultural Diversity and Human Rights, 786-5135 [elderr@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:elderr@co.thurston.wa.us)

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**Wed Jan 23: Environmental Lobby Day at the State Capitol:** A coalition of 20+ environmental groups chose four “Priorities for a Healthy Washington” to focus their energies during the 2008 Washington State Legislative Session. See page 5, [www.environmentalpriorities.org](http://www.environmentalpriorities.org), and [www.earthministry.org](http://www.earthministry.org)

**Sat Jan 26: Global Day of Action on many issues:** Last summer’s U.S. Social Forum in Atlanta GA led to a People’s Movement Assembly” (PMA) to continue carrying out the movement building process. The PMA calls for a Global Day of Action on Sat. Jan. 26, when various progressive movements, networks, alliances, etc., can work on any of the US Social Forum’s thematic

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areas, such as war, militarism, the prison industrial complex, immigrants and migration, workers in a globalized economy, women, indigenous sovereignty, environment, energy, climate, Katrina/Rita survivors and the right to return to the Gulf Coast. Info: [pma@ussf2007.org](mailto:pma@ussf2007.org) and [www.wsf2008.net](http://www.wsf2008.net)

**Sun Jan 27: South Sound Buddhist Peace Fellowship** hosts an open meeting. SSBPF includes members of the local Buddhist community engaging in the Buddhist path of right action in regard to working for peace, justice and social change. 3:30-5:00 pm. Location & more info: Robert Lovitt 357-2825 [lovitthere@scattercreek.com](mailto:lovitthere@scattercreek.com) or [www.ssbpf.org](http://www.ssbpf.org)



**Tues Jan 29: Faith Advocacy Day supports social & economic justice and the environment at the State Legislature:** Faith-based activists gather from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm at and near the State Capitol for information, movement-building, lobbying, etc. on behalf of a variety of issues (social and economic justice, environment, etc.) Participants include Washington Association of Churches, Church Council of Greater Seattle, Friends Committee on Washington Public Policies, Religious Coalition for the Common Good, Earth Ministry, and others. Info: David Coombs, Lutheran Public Policy Office, 206-464-4133 [advocacyday@gmail.com](mailto:advocacyday@gmail.com)

**Thurs Jan 31: "Have a Heart for Kids Day" at the State Legislature:** The Children's Alliance does terrifically smart and effective advocacy all year around. Join them today at the state Capitol for this largest gathering of child advocates during the legislative session. More than 500 advocates for children from all over the state will gather to learn, lobby, and organize. At 10 am Gov. Christine Gregoire will speak at The United Churches, 110 11<sup>th</sup> Ave SE. Learn about issues in the morning. Then meet with legislators during the day. Info: The Children's Alliance 206-324-0340 [www.childrensalliance.org](http://www.childrensalliance.org)

◆ **Sat March 8: Tom Rawson folk music concert to benefit Olympia FOR:** This year's location is changed to Traditions Cafe. Look for information in our Feb-March newsletter. Info: 491-9093

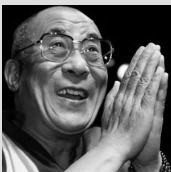
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help local and immigrant students and will feature interactive, engaging activities, youth-oriented music, food and drinks. Co-sponsors: Know All You Can Know (KAYCK) and the Center for Community Based Learning and Action. Info: Anne and Kurt 206-719-7098 [rosie1352@comcast.net](mailto:rosie1352@comcast.net)

**Sat-Sun Jan 12-13: Compassionate Listening: Healing our World from the Inside Out: an Intensive Introductory Training** facilitated by Andrea Cohen and Susan Partnow. The Compassionate Listening Project teaches powerful skills for peacemaking in families, communities, on the job, and in social change work locally and globally. It emphasizes speaking and listening from the heart, even in the heat of conflict. Their Compassionate Listening curriculum grew out of our many years of reconciliation work on the ground in Israel and Palestine. In 1999 CL's leaders adapted their trainings and began to teach in the U.S. Now trainings and workshops occur worldwide for everyday peace-building. 9:30 am to 6:00 pm at 4649 Sunnyside Ave. N Suite 140 in Seattle's Wallingford area. Parking is free. The sliding-scale cost ranges from \$150 to \$300, as appropriate for you. Advanced registration required. Info: Andrea Cohen 206-523-6018 [cohencomm@comcast.net](mailto:cohencomm@comcast.net) [www.compassionatelistening.org](http://www.compassionatelistening.org)

- ◆ **Sun Jan 13: Fire Mountain (Lewis County) FOR monthly meeting:** 2:00 pm. Info: Karen 360-767-0161
- ◆ **Sun Jan 20: Tacoma FOR** enjoys a 3:00 pm business meeting, 4:00 pm program, and 5:00 pm potluck. Tacoma Friends Meeting House (Hillside Community Church), 2508 S. 39th St., Tacoma, just west of Borders Bookstore on 38<sup>th</sup> St. near the Tacoma Mall. Info: David Lambert 253-759-2280 or Vivi Bartron 253-572-4912



**EARLY NOTICE: The Dalai Lama is scheduled to speak in Seattle** sometime between April 12 and 15 at the Seeds of Compassion Gathering. Tickets and info will become available in January from [www.seedsofcompassion/net/event/](http://www.seedsofcompassion/net/event/)

**OUT-OF-TOWN CALENDAR**  
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Hundreds of events and activities (mostly in the Seattle area) are listed at Jean Buskin's calendar at [www.scn.org/activism/calendar](http://www.scn.org/activism/calendar). She'll e-mail it to you regularly if you request it at [bb369@scn.org](mailto:bb369@scn.org) and specify text and/or RTF format.

♦ **Every Saturday: Peace Vigil in Centralia:** 12 noon to 1 pm on the edge of Washington Park at Locust & Pearl in downtown Centralia. Sponsor: Fire Mountain FOR. Info: Stephen Barlow 360-736-8784 or June Butler 360-748-9658 or [www.FireMountainFOR.org](http://www.FireMountainFOR.org)

**Every Wednesday: Peace vigil in Tacoma:** 5 to 6 pm in front of the Federal Courthouse, 1917 Pacific Ave. near 21st, near the Washington State History Museum. Sponsor: People for Peace, Justice and Healing, [www.ufppc.org](http://www.ufppc.org)

**Every Thursday: Peace Vigil in Tacoma:** 12 noon to 1 pm at the Broadway Farmers' Market. Sponsor: United for Peace of Pierce County, [www.ufppc.org](http://www.ufppc.org)

**Every Friday: Peace Vigil in Tacoma:** 5 to 6 pm on Ruston Way at the foot of McCarver in front of Johnny's Seafood (near Old Town). Sponsor: United for Peace of Pierce County, [www.ufppc.org](http://www.ufppc.org)

**Every Saturday: People for Peace Justice and Healing (PPJH)** meets 10 am to 12 noon at Associated Ministries, 1224 S. I St., Tacoma to plan local peace activities. [www.associatedministries.org/pages/directions.htm](http://www.associatedministries.org/pages/directions.htm)

**Every Saturday: Peace Vigil in Tacoma:** 12:30-1:30 pm in front of Borders Books at 38<sup>th</sup> & Steele. Sponsor: United for Peace of Pierce County, [www.ufppc.org](http://www.ufppc.org)

**"We have assumed the name of peacemakers, but we have been, by and large, unwilling to pay any significant price. And because we want the peace with half a heart and half a life and will, the war, of course, continues, because the waging of war, by its nature, is total—but the waging of peace, by our own cowardice, is partial. There is no peace because the making of peace is at least as costly as the making of war—at least as exigent, at least as disruptive, at least as liable to bring disgrace and prison and death in its wake."**

**Daniel Berrigan**

**Mon Dec 3: "The Future of Nonviolence"** presentation by Mel Duncan, Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP), which trains and places people to practice active nonviolence in conflict situations in several parts of the world. NP developed a new model of providing security and protection using strictly nonviolent means. Get a progress report and a look into the future. Mel Duncan recently won this year's Pfeffer Peace Prize, which is administered through the national FOR. Everyone is welcome. Admission is free, but donations will be gratefully accepted. Assistive listening devices will be available for people who are hard of hearing. 7:00 pm at the University Friends Meeting House, 4001 9th Avenue NE (near University District) Seattle. Sponsor: Western Washington Nonviolent Peaceforce, [www.nonviolentpeaceforce.org](http://www.nonviolentpeaceforce.org)

**Thurs Dec 6: "Welcome Back Party" supports previously incarcerated people:** Justice Works! hosts this party monthly to help people reconnect with the community after release from prison. 7:30-9:30 pm, Central Lutheran Church, 1710 11<sup>th</sup> Ave on Seattle's Capitol Hill. If possible, bring food and family and friends to share this potluck. Info: Jody 206-309-2087 or [justice\\_works@yahoo.com](mailto:justice_works@yahoo.com)

**Thurs Dec 6 and every first and third Thursday 7 pm** - United for Peace of Pierce County (UFPPC), First United Methodist Church at First Congregational Church, 209 S J Street, Tacoma – with movies at 6:30 pm on first Thursdays.

**Fri Dec 7: Film & Discussion: "What a Way to Go: Life at the End of Empire"**: Watch the second half of the provocative new film *What a Way To Go: Life at the End of Empire*. Then discussion groups will grapple with the developing crises portrayed so vividly in the film. [A brief summary of these crises (peak oil, climate change, mass extinctions) will catch up those who missed the film's first half.] While some people find 'doom and gloom' an unavoidable reality, others find hope in organizing new solutions and transcending the structures of 'domination.' Enjoy rich discussions with other knowledgeable persons. 7:00 pm at Rainier UU Center, 835 Yesler Way, Seattle (Yesler & Broadway) Info: Dick Burkhart, 206-721-5672 [dickburkhart@comcast.net](mailto:dickburkhart@comcast.net)

**Sat Dec 8 (and every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday): Vigil for Human Rights at the NW Immigrant Detention Center:** Community to Community Development invites all social justice, faith, labor and community groups to vigil peacefully from 11 am to 4 pm on the second Saturday of each month at the privately-run Northwest Detention Center in the industrial area near Tacoma's tide flats. As

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the US government's Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) clamps down on immigrants, people are coming together protect their human rights. Come with signs that show support for immigrant workers inside and outside this modern day concentration camp. Consider bringing coffee, water and baked goods or sandwiches for families visiting their detained relatives inside. Stay and learn how to get involved with the growing immigrant rights network the region! (From Olympia, go north on I-5 to Tacoma, take the right-lane I-705 exit north, take the left lane exit toward City Center and Tacoma Dome. Take the E 26<sup>th</sup> St. exit, turn right onto E 26<sup>th</sup>, turn left onto E D St., which becomes E. 15<sup>th</sup> St. Turn right onto E. J St. and end at 1623 E. J St.) Info: 360-381-0293 [decomunidad@qwest.net](mailto:decomunidad@qwest.net)

**Sat Dec 8: Underground Immigration Cafe:** Benefit for local families affected by raids and costs for a May 2008 conference on immigration issues in Olympia. Learn about the summer 2007 realities of the Tucson-Nogales border and the recent raids in Washington state. Learn from local immigrants and immigrant groups. Enjoy Mexican cuisine with vegetarian and vegan options. Suggested donation: \$20-\$50 per person. 5:00 pm at St. David's Episcopal Church, 218 N. Third St., [Shelton](http://Shelton). Info: Nia at [niakix@yahoo.com](mailto:niakix@yahoo.com)

◆ **Sun Dec 9: Fire Mountain (Lewis County) FOR monthly meeting:** 2:00 pm at the Methodist Church, 506 South Washington Ave, [Centralia](http://Centralia). Please bring finger food to share. Stephen will facilitate, so give agenda items to him at 360-736-8784. Info: Karen 360-767-0161

**Wed Dec 12: Resisting Trident in the United Kingdom and in the United States:** In addition to the Trident nuclear submarine base in Kitsap County, there is one in Scotland too. Hear Angie Zelter, a nuclear weapons activist from Scotland and activists from our nearby Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action discuss our common mission: Resist Trident and End Nuclear Weapons. Angie is one of the key leaders of the Trident resistance in Britain. In January 2002 Angie received the Right Livelihood Award (considered the alternative Nobel Peace Prize) along with Ellen Moxley and Ulla Roder for their Trident Plowshares action which led to the Sheriff declaring them innocent and that the Trident violated international law. At the ceremony Angie said that Trident represented "terrorism on an unimaginable scale." "Our planet is dying. One of the major causes is the inability of our leaders to see themselves as global citizens and their country as just one among other equally valuable countries, or to put the planet's well-being above that of their own narrow nationalistic ideologies." This spring and summer Tacoma's Bill Bichsel and Olympia's Bernie Meyer were in Scotland participating in the Faslane 365 Campaign, at-

tempting to remove Trident from Scotland. 6:30 pm potluck; 7:30 program at University Lutheran Church, 1604 NE 50<sup>th</sup> St., [Seattle](http://Seattle).

**Thurs Dec 13 (and 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs of each month): Citizens for Responsible Justice (C4RJ):** Puyallup Support Group for families and friends of incarcerated individuals and other interested persons. 7:00 pm in Puyallup Nissan's conference room, 101 Valley Ave NW, [Puyallup](http://Puyallup). Come and bring friends to learn about the criminal justice system and how we can improve it. The main C4RJ office is now open at 813 S. 11th St., [Tacoma](http://Tacoma).

**Sat Dec 15: Bill of Rights Day:** Celebrate in the downstairs auditorium at the Washington State Historical Museum on Pacific Avenue in downtown [Tacoma](http://Tacoma). Free program at 7:00 pm features speaker, music, and audience participation in the traditional public reading of the Bill of Rights.

**Sun Dec 16: Peace for the Earth Walk Presentation:** On November 1 Ruah Swennerfelt and Louis Cox began a 1,400-mile "Peace for Earth Walk" from Vancouver BC to San Diego CA. During these six months, they are talking with Quaker groups (Friends meetings and churches) about how in the 1700s Quaker John Woolman's call to live in right relationship with all of Creation is as relevant in the 21st century as it was 250 years ago. Like Woolman, they are traveling on foot and, as much as possible, staying with Friends along the way. They will speak at 9:30 am at Olympic View Friends Church, 201 Browns Point Blvd NE, [Tacoma](http://Tacoma). Info: [www.peaceforearth.org](http://www.peaceforearth.org)

◆ **Sun Dec 16: Tacoma FOR focuses on the United Nations:** Everyone is welcome to enjoy the 3:00 business meeting, 4:00 program, and 5:00 potluck at the Tacoma Friends Meeting-House (Hillside Community Church), 2508 S 39th St., [Tacoma](http://Tacoma). Info: David Lambert 253-759-2280 or Vivi Bartron 253-572-4912

**Sat Jan 12: Legislative workshop focusing on environmental issues:** The Priorities for a Healthy Washington coalition is sponsoring this at [Seattle](http://Seattle) Pacific University to inform ourselves to work on each of the four top priority environmental issues before the 2008 Washington State Legislature (see page 5.) Hear elected officials, and enjoy workshops to improve your lobbying skills. Info: [www.environmentalpriorities.org](http://www.environmentalpriorities.org)

**Sat Jan 12: Countering the Military Recruiters:** Gather in [Shelton](http://Shelton) to learn from Aimee Allison and David Solnit, counter-recruitment activists with the "Army of None Project" and authors of the powerful and practical new book, *Army of None: Strategies to Counter Military Recruitment*. (cont. page 15)

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