



# Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation

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## SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6: FOLK SINGER TOM RAWSON PERFORMS BENEFIT CONCERT FOR THE OLYMPIA FOR



Tom Rawson – a banjo-playing, crowd-delighting folksinger – performs **songs of peace, social justice and just plain fun** on Saturday, February 6 at 7:30 pm at Traditions Café at the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and Water SW in downtown Olympia.

Rawson has charmed and invigorated audiences throughout the Pacific Northwest with his infectious wit, energy and songs that you just can't resist singing along with.

As Steve Durfee wrote in the *Victory Review*, "Tom Rawson –

Pete Seeger. These two run together in my mind. We gladly follow his lead and sing with the chorus from the very first song... First timer or old fan, old song or new, it always seems we are singing our favorites with an old friend."

This is Tom's annual benefit performance for the Olympia FOR. You may determine how much to contribute on a suggested sliding scale of \$10 to \$25.

**We encourage buying tickets in advance** either from Traditions Fair Trade, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW, Olympia, or from the Olympia FOR. To buy tickets by mail, please send checks to Olympia FOR to 5015 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Lacey, WA 98503-2723 and specify how many tickets you want for your donation. Checks should be payable to "FOR-USA" and earmarked "Olympia FOR - Tickets."

The Olympia FOR ([www.olyfor.org](http://www.olyfor.org)) has been active since 1976. It is the local chapter of a 95-year-old nationwide ([www.forusa.org](http://www.forusa.org)) and international ([www.ifor.org](http://www.ifor.org)) inter-faith pacifist organization that has opposed every war since World War I. While working for peace in foreign relations, the FOR has simultaneously worked for profound nonviolence and social justice throughout society.

For more information contact Glen Anderson at (360) 491-9093 or [glen@olywa.net](mailto:glen@olywa.net)

## JOIN OUR NEW SMALL GROUPS FOR STUDY AND DISCUSSIONS

### How Could the PEACE MOVEMENT BE MORE EFFECTIVE AND REDUCE WAR'S ROLE IN SOCIETY?

The Olympia FOR is creating more opportunities to enjoy face-to-face gatherings while working for peace and justice. A book group serves both objectives. Chuck Schultz is convening a book discussion group with the tentative theme: "**How can we overcome war's solidly established role in society? What will replace war?**"

The idea is to improve our chances for a peaceful society. Possible books include *Getting to Peace* (Ury), *Peace Now* (Savir), *The Road* (a novel by McCarthy), and *Strategic Nonviolent Conflict* (Ackerman & Krugler). He invites other suggestions. Chuck says, "Call or e-mail me, and let's get started." (306) 705 8520 [chuckschultz3@msn.com](mailto:chuckschultz3@msn.com) See his article on page 7.

### How Could NONVIOLENCE BE USED IN MORE PRACTICAL AND POWERFUL WAYS?

How can nonviolence be used effectively in a variety of situations? The Olympia FOR's members want to learn about nonviolence, so we're starting a flexible series of gatherings so we can learn and discuss together.

We invite anyone interested to meet on a few Saturdays and/or Sundays to watch some exceptionally interesting DVDs and read some materials that break new ground with very practical information about nonviolence's power and effectiveness.

The first DVD features long-time nonviolent activist and trainer George Lakey discussing the difference between using nonviolence for "social change," "social defense," and "third-party nonviolent intervention." Each has different uses and strategies, and all three can be effective. Please contact Glen Anderson at (360) 491-9093 [glen@olywa.net](mailto:glen@olywa.net) so we can arrange a schedule that will meet everyone's needs.

# TELEVISION PROGRAMS

For 23 years the Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation 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.

## FEBRUARY: "DEATH PENALTY: NEW PROGRESS TOWARD ABOLITION"

The Olympia FOR's TV series has focused a number of programs on the death penalty, but our February 2010 program is the first one that focuses on a lot of good news. Two states recently abolished the death penalty and several other states are making good progress in that direction. Also, the abolition movement is becoming more diverse, and more constituencies – including law enforcement officers and a prominent legal organization – have recognized that the death penalty is not workable.

This month's program begins with fresh news about some of the death penalty's problems, including the recent confirmation that Texas did indeed execute an innocent man. In 2004 Texas executed Cameron Todd Willingham for killing his three daughters by burning down his house. Willingham insisted that he was innocent from the very beginning, during his trial, and after he was convicted and sentenced to death in 1992. After 12 years on death row he was executed in 2004.

The local prosecutor's so-called expert had not used adequate scientific procedures to conclude that the fire had been arson. Finally a forensic expert examined the evidence and found that the fire was not arson, but had had an accidental origin, so no crime had occurred, and Texas executed an innocent person. This was a terrible embarrassment for Texas Governor Rick Perry, who had refused to give clemency and made the execution occur. Recently, when the Texas Forensic Science Commission was proving Willingham's innocence, Gov. Perry removed some members from the Commission and appointed some who would agree with him. This cover-up showed that truth and justice are not the death penalty's goals.

Our February TV program also reviews recent problems with using lethal injection and new political opposition to the death penalty, which costs much more than life without parole.

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## MARCH: "PROTECT THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE"



The US Constitution's First Amendment protects Americans from governmental bias in religious matters. The government must not provide overt or covert support for any particular religion.

Also, in the US, a person is free to believe in any religion – or in none – without discrimination. This basic

civil right has been protected by other constitutional amendments and by civil rights laws.

But there are always some people – inside and outside of the government – at federal, state and local levels – who want to use the government's power and taxpayers' dollars to support their particular religion or to oppose other people's religions.

Since 1947 a nonprofit organization – Americans United for the Separation of Church and State – has focused exclusively on preventing those abuses and protecting the separation of Church and State. Americans United educates the general public and public officials about these matters. AU also takes legal action when necessary. Its track record is truly impressive.

AU is non-sectarian and non-partisan. Its members include people of a very wide variety of religious faiths, secular humanists, agnostics, atheists, and people from a wide range across the political spectrum. It is neither "liberal" nor "conservative." It protects our constitutional rights.

Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and other founders were adamant that these rights must be protected and that there must be what Jefferson called a "wall of separation" between government and religion. This protects the general public and taxpayers and our nation's freedom from religious intrusion. It also protects religious freedom from governmental intrusion. It is a "win-win" for everyone who values freedom.

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## DEATH PENALTY TV PROGRAM CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

State and local governments are realizing that this expensive system is a drain on taxpayers' dollars during this time of budget crises. Public opinion has been shifting away from the death penalty.

Prosecutors are charging fewer cases as capital crimes, and juries are handing down fewer death sentences.

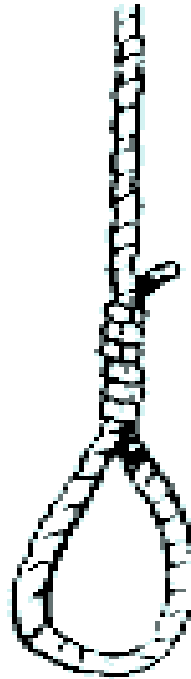
Most of this program will look at new progress in the growing movement to abolish the death penalty in many states.

- When New York State's death penalty was thrown out by a court, the state deliberated carefully in response to much grassroots organizing and public testimony and decided not to bring it back.
- New Jersey abolished the death penalty after having spent a great many millions of dollars putting people on death row but never executed anyone. Again, extensive grassroots organizing and public pressure were crucial for moving New Jersey to abolish it.
- New Mexico abolished it.
- An abolition bill passed one of Montana's Republican-controlled legislative bodies.
- Maryland limited the death penalty to very narrow circumstances, making it very rare in the future.
- North Carolina enacted the Racial Justice Act, which will allow defendants to avoid death sentences if they can show racial bias.
- Connecticut passed repeal legislation through both legislative houses (by a whopping 90-56 in the House), but the governor vetoed it.
- Colorado passed repeal legislation through its House and fell only one vote short in the Senate.
- Progress also occurred in Kansas, New Hampshire, Kentucky, and California.

In January the American Law Institute formally concluded that the death penalty is unworkable and irretrievably broken, and the ALI gave up trying to devise legal tweaks to allow it to continue. The ALI is made up of about 4,000 judges, lawyers and law professors, and it devises nationwide legal standards for various complex systems. The ALI had devised the legal framework for the laws that states began enacting in the mid-1970s to bring back the death penalty after the US Supreme Court had abolished it in 1972, and it has been fine-tuning its efforts to balance justice in individual death penalty cases with standardized

procedures to avoid arbitrariness. Now the ALI has given up on the death penalty altogether.

Our exceptionally well informed guest, Sarah Craft, recommends grassroots organizing, face-to-face conversations, focusing on the costs, recognizing that victims' families are not helped or satisfied by the death penalty, and listening to law enforcement officers who recommend better uses for our scarce tax dollars.



Sarah is active with Equal Justice USA, a nationwide nonprofit organization. She recently moved to Seattle to help Washingtonians work to abolish our state's death penalty. Contact Equal Justice USA at [www.ejusa.org/signup](http://www.ejusa.org/signup) or its new Seattle office, (206) 453-3478.

An excellent nationwide resource is the Death Penalty Information Center, [www.deathpenaltyinfo.org](http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org)

**The Olympia FOR's Committee for Alternatives to the Death Penalty meets in Tumwater near the end of each month (usually on a Tuesday evening, such as Feb. 23 and March 23).** Contact through Rozanne Rants [rozannerants@yahoo.com](mailto:rozannerants@yahoo.com) or Chuck Schultz [chuckschultz3@msn.com](mailto:chuckschultz3@msn.com) at (360) 705-8520.

We belong to the Washington Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, [www.abolishdeathpenalty.org](http://www.abolishdeathpenalty.org) (206) 622-8952. We also relate to the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty at [www.ncadp.org](http://www.ncadp.org).

## CHURCH/STATE SEPARATION TV PROGRAM CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

In the summer of 2007 a local group was formed to carry out this mission in the greater Thurston County area. Some national staff members provided a full day of training and nurtured the local group into existence. The group meets monthly, typically at 6:30 pm on the third Tuesday of each month at the Olympia Unitarian-Universalist Congregation, 2300 East End Street NW.

Our guests – Dennis Mansker, Kent Underwood, and Eric Quist – are members of the local AU group.

For more information contact Dennis at 786-9584 [dmansker@comcast.net](mailto:dmansker@comcast.net) or Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, 518 C Street NE, Washington DC 20002 (202) 466-3234 [americansunited@au.org](mailto:americansunited@au.org) or [www.au.org](http://www.au.org)

# Olympia FOR's "Big Picture" DOCUMENTARY SERIES ON TCTV

In addition to the Olympia FOR's TV series of locally produced interview programs (see page 2) we also air thought-provoking documentaries that you're not likely to see elsewhere on TV. Under the series title "The Big Picture," Carol Burns finds interesting documentaries and arranges to show them on Thurston Community Television (TCTV channel 22) for cable subscribers in Thurston County. Thanks to Carol for continuing to inform the people! You can watch these programs at **10 p.m. every Sunday evening** and **3:30 a.m. every Wednesday morning** for a full month. Info: Carol 866-7645 [carolburns98@comcast.net](mailto:carolburns98@comcast.net)

## FEBRUARY:

### "EVERYTHING YOU HAVE TO KNOW ABOUT DANGEROUS GENETICALLY MODIFIED FOODS"

Jeffrey M. Smith, author of a #1 best-seller about genetically modified organisms (GMO), *Seeds of Deception*, and *Genetic Roulette* presents shocking facts about how GMOs have entered our lives through food. Smith links GMOs to toxins, allergies, infertility, infant mortality, immune dysfunction, stunted growth, and death. The film is thoroughly researched and engagingly presented with compelling visuals.

2009 (84 minutes) More information is at  
[www.ResponsibleTechnology.org](http://www.ResponsibleTechnology.org)

## MARCH:

### "Body of War"

Tomas Young left for Iraq a gung-ho soldier. He returned home paralyzed, struggling to deal with his physical limitations and his changing feelings about the war. This eye-opening documentary looks at the raging debate over the war in Iraq through the eyes of this courageous young hero who signed up for the military two days after Sept. 11, only to be sent to Iraq where a bullet shattered his life physically and emotionally.

Phil Donahue and Ellen Spiro produced this 2007 film.  
(87 minutes)

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## WHY ARE WE NOT MAKING MORE PROGRESS? WHY AREN'T PEOPLE MORE ACTIVE? ARE PEACE & JUSTICE SUPPORTERS FEELING POWERLESS AND DESPAIR?

## LET'S EMPOWER PEOPLE TO BUILD SOCIAL CHANGE MOVEMENTS

Countless millions of people – more than ever in history – protested in 2002 and early 2003 but Bush started his Iraq war anyway. The American public wants to get out of Afghanistan but the wars escalate. The public wants real health care reform, but politicians give the insurance companies more wealth and power. We want to get big money out of political campaigns, but the Supreme Court lets corporations buy elections. Politicians campaign for "change" but give us more of the same. People figure, "What's the use?"

Progressives – especially people who yearn for peace and social jus-

tice – are feeling terribly demoralized and powerless. We do the same things over and over, often in a futile mode, and get no apparent results. Many people have stopped participating because they feel it is futile.

Some activists don't have a good grounding in how to be effective nonviolent activists, so they do things that don't help and might backfire.

In general, progressives need better understanding of how to build and sustain nonviolent social change movements, how to set goals and strategize for the long term, and how to design and carry out specific campaigns that will make step-by-step

progress toward the goals. In our modern age of "instant everything," people just don't invest the time, effort and thoughtful planning that are necessary.

Who among our readers and members – and the broader progressive community – would like to seriously explore the potentials? Would you read resource materials and participate in training workshops?

Are there enough people who want to explore the possibilities? Contact Glen Anderson at 491-9093 [glen@olywa.net](mailto:glen@olywa.net)

The Western Washington FOR's Spring Assembly (Saturday April 17 in West Seattle) will explore solutions. Look for publicity soon.

# Olympia FOR's 34<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL Holiday PEACE Vigil

On Saturday December 19, 2009, many of the Olympia FOR's members and other peace supporters turned out for our annual Holiday Peace Vigil on the Saturday before Christmas – as we have done for 34 years now.

This year's rain was easier to cope with than last year's ice, deep snow and bitter cold. We gathered again afterward at a nearby indoor location to share many kinds of hot soup and other refreshments – and to linger with leisurely conversations with friends old and new.

Percival Landing – the southernmost tip of Puget Sound – is a perfect location. The traffic is slow at that corner, so motorists can read our signs.

If you missed it, plan to attend next December. This is a true Olympia classic!

Thanks to Berd Whitlock for the first two photos and the last one, and thanks to Bob Zeigler – who has been photographing Olympia FOR activities for 34 years – for the others.



Maureen Hill found a sign she had made many years ago. Nobel Peace Prize Winner Aldolfo Perez Esquivel (from the FOR's Latin American affiliate) stated, "We cannot sow seeds with clenched fists."



The Artesian Rumble Arkestra is the jazz band that supports the Olympia FOR's Friday afternoon peace vigils at Percival Landing all year around, and they livened up our Holiday Peace Vigil as well.



Bob Zeigler, who always has thoughtful insights, asks a relevant question



Yes, it was raining!



Coral Ann Porter is one of our long-time vigilers, regardless of the weather.



Looking north into Budd Inlet and some of the boats...



Olympia FOR members Kerri Griffis and Berd Whitlock staffed our information table at the Martin Luther King celebration on Monday January 18 at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts. Thanks to Berd Whitlock for this photo.

# Haiti EARTHQUAKE INFORMATION ... WITH BACKGROUND THE MAINSTREAM NEWS MEDIA ARE NOT REPORTING

by Berd Whitlock

When the island nation of Haiti was struck on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, with a devastating earthquake that registered 7+ on the Richter scale, the whole world took notice. Aid shipments were shipped from multiple places on the globe – from Israel, Taiwan, the US, and elsewhere. Many prominent NGOs stepped up to deliver aid.

Haiti's earthquake and the subsequent aftershocks caused an increasing toll of destruction in the days following. This was poignant because Haiti was already the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. No other nation in North or South America has a population as poor as the people of Haiti. A CNN article states, "According to the U.N. Office for the Special Envoy for Haiti, unemployment reaches 70 percent nationally, and 78 percent of Haitians live on less than \$2 a day."<sup>1</sup> And that was before the earthquake hit.



Mainstream news coverage was quick to cover the devastation, and the poverty of the Haitian people, as well as some aspects of the international response. According to the AFP the US government has sent over 15,000 troops to Haiti. But the presence of these troops is being questioned. People are noticing similarities to the US response to the Hurricane Katrina, where US military forces were often seen suppressing efforts to provide direct aid. US soldiers were even seen preventing the escape of citizens to areas of safety and accommodation. The US military prioritized its perceived needs over Haiti's and prevented Doctors Without Borders from landing its relief supply airplane at Haiti's airport.

What has been noticeably lacking in mainstream American news coverage of the situation in Haiti is the tremendous past of American interference in the economic and political affairs of the Haitian people. For at least 200 years, American interests have actively exploited the labor of the Haitian people, from outright slavery to the more recent support for the Haitian owning class's sweatshop operations. This history of abuse calls into question the American response of sending an overwhelming and heavily armed military response – when in reality, what the Haitian people need is to be supported so that they can rebuild necessary infrastructure and move toward economic independence.

In an interview on Democracy Now!<sup>2</sup>, journalist Kim Ives discussed how "Western domination has undermined Haiti's ability to recover from natural devastation." Ives spoke of a flour mill

in Haiti, the only one at the time, being purchased by Henry Kissinger, after which it was promptly shut down, forcing the people of Haiti to import flour. Ives also said that Haiti is rich in lime stone, which could actually enable the nation to not only rebuild its infrastructure with native materials, but to be an exporter. Unfortunately for the people of Haiti, due to economic repression, sustainable economic development has been made all but possible.

Many internet articles connect the suffering of the Haitian people to the policies of the United States. One article on the website of *The Guardian* (UK) carries the headline, "Haiti's suffering is a result of calculated impoverishment."<sup>3</sup>

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Estimates of the death toll range from about 111,000 to 200,000.

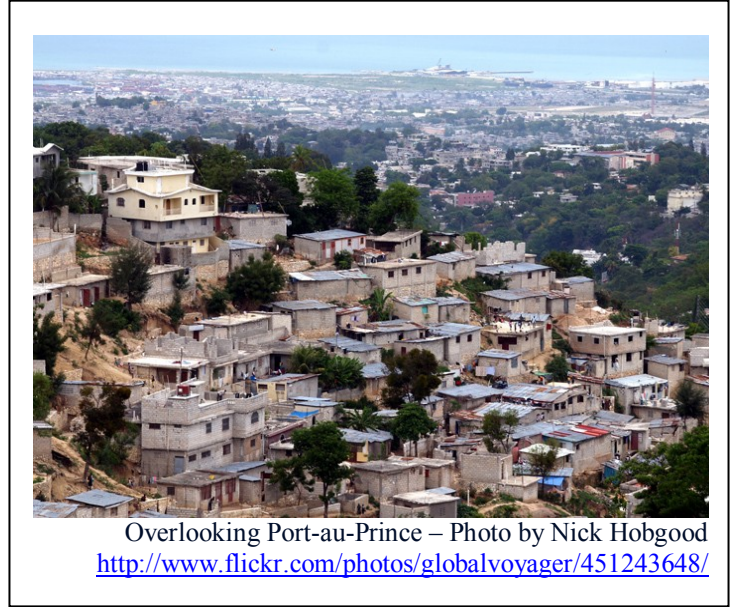
Locally, Olympia FOR members were involved with a group that generated more than \$10,000 during a fundraising event on Sunday January 17 at Traditions Cafe.

To learn more about the situation in Haiti, and past relationships between the US and Haiti, I suggest the websites of the following organizations:

**Democracy Now!** airs on more than 750 radio and TV stations, including Olympia’s KAOS (89.3 FM at 9:00 a.m. Monday through Friday) and TCTV (cable channel 22 in Thurston County at 5:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday). You can also view/listen/read all Democracy Now! shows online: <http://www.democracynow.org>

**Common Dreams** ([www.CommonDreams.org](http://www.CommonDreams.org)) and **Truthout** ([www.truthout.org](http://www.truthout.org)) are two of the best internet-based nonpartisan, nonprofit organizations that provide daily compilations of news articles and analysis.

**The Real News Network** ([www.therealnews.com](http://www.therealnews.com)) is a nonprofit news and documentary network providing independent and uncompromising journalism.



<sup>1</sup> CNN: <http://www.cnn.com/2010/WORLD/americas/01/12/haiti.aid/index.html>

<sup>2</sup> Democracy Now!: [http://www.democracynow.org/2010/1/20/journalist\\_kim\\_ives\\_on\\_how\\_decades](http://www.democracynow.org/2010/1/20/journalist_kim_ives_on_how_decades)

<sup>3</sup> The Guardian: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/cifamerica/2010/jan/20/haiti-suffering-earthquake-punitive-relationship>

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## NONVIOLENT OPPOSITION TO WAR

by Chuck Schultz

The history of peace activism contains a lot of setbacks. It looks strong for a while. Then an opportunity for patriotism drags it down. Ackerman and Kruegler in *Strategic Nonviolent Conflict* have some suggestions. “A major fault of nonviolent strategies, historically, is that they make little or no provision for actually winning.” Too often peace activists don’t have a comprehensive plan.

In the last 50 years critics of war have energetically proclaimed their opposition to government policies, but to what effect? Violence seems to be on the increase. Battles have persisted, terrorism increased, torture has been commended, genocide became commonplace. Has peace activism been useful? Before we can answer that question, we need to ask what was it intended to do.

To assess the result of a program, you need to specify a measurable objective. Ackerman and Kruegler have analyzed nonviolent actions to identify what can make them successful. They find five factors to consider: policy, plan of operation, strategy, tactics, and logistics. Activists must decide what they need to do, decide how to do it, analyze their results, and adapt their actions if they are not meeting objectives.

If one year we have 300,000 demonstrators and the next year we have 1,980,256 demonstrators, have we been successful? Was the object to see how many people we could bring out -- or to change government policy? Or was their some other objective we had in mind? To proclaim success, we need to know what we were trying to be successful at. And notice, nearly two million people is still less than one percent of our population.

And why does patriotism override the quest for peace? Nazis learned from Treitschke that “Martial glory is the basis for all the political virtues: the rich treasure of Germany’s glories, the Prussian military glory, is a jewel as precious as the masterpieces of our poets and thinkers . . . to play blindly with peace . . . has become the shame of the thought and morality of our age.”

So we need a strategy for replacing war with other factors that are more rewarding. Perhaps people will come to see that cooperation in striving for shared values has as many rewards and fewer of the consequences. Should those who want peace focus on social issues that require money that would otherwise be spent on war? Countries that are at odds might focus on projects that would benefit the economy or well being of both of them.

How can peace advocates encourage alternative to war?

# SAVE OLYMPIA'S ISTHMUS: THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES

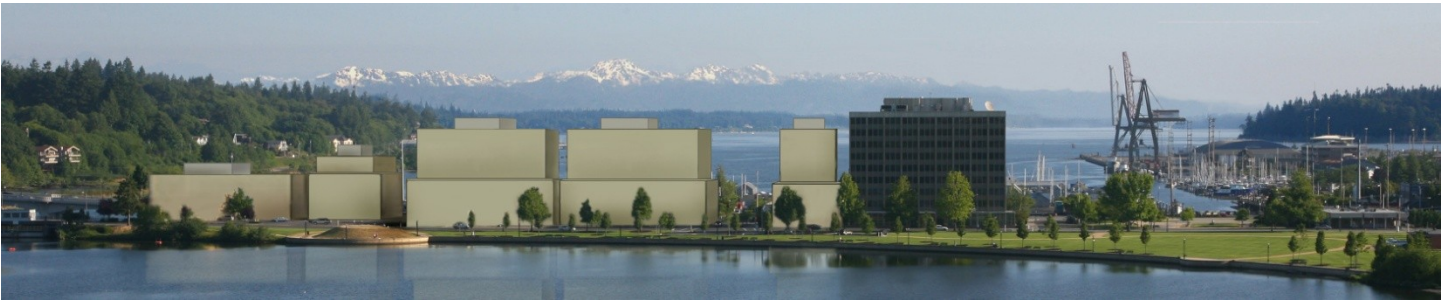
In November Olympia's voters threw out the City Council members who wanted to sacrifice the beautiful views and land on Olympia's Isthmus between Capitol Lake and Budd Inlet. The previous City Council was rezoning the area so Triway, a real estate developer, could build tall buildings there. Although the new City Council members had enough votes to change the policy, Triway claims that a previous city decision will still let him build a tall building there.

Until 1965 the view from the Capitol looked like this. (Local groups are working to try to restore it to this eventually).



Without your help, it may well end up like the photos below. (The 9-storied office building with windows was built in 1965. All of the other big boxy buildings to the left of it could be filled by condos under the proposed rezone.)

The full rezone would allow this:



Triway's current proposal would do this:



The citizens' groups trying to protect the Isthmus are still active. For more information contact Friends of the Waterfront at 352-1346 [waterfrontoly@aol.com](mailto:waterfrontoly@aol.com) and at 352-2209. Also see <http://www.friendsofthewaterfront.org>

Beyond this, some folks envision public ownership of the land and a park for everyone to use, not just a few who are rich enough to buy high-rise condominiums.

**Olympia FOR's Mission Statement:** The Olympia Chapter of the Fellowship of Reconciliation works for a nonviolent world, a healthy environment, social justice, economic justice, and peace. We bring together people of diverse ages, races, and faiths who are 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 for mutual education and to engage in nonviolent and compassionate actions.

## Olympia's COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – AND OUR CLIMATE

The City of Olympia is updating its Comprehensive Plan, the blueprint for our community. Come to any of the following meetings and share your thoughts. These meetings seek to engage in meaningful dialogue about planning for the future of our community. We need your input to shape Olympia's future!

**Each meeting will be similar, so you may attend the one most convenient for you.**

- Thurs Feb 4: 6:30 pm at Hansen School 1919 Rd 65 NE
- Thurs Feb 11: 6:30 pm at Knox Building 1113 Legion Way SE
- Thurs Feb 25: 6:30 pm at Lincoln School 213 21<sup>st</sup> Ave SE
- Wed March 3: 6:30 pm at LP Brown School 2000 26<sup>th</sup> Ave NW
- Thurs March 11 at 7:00 pm at McKenny Sch. 3250 Morse Merryman Rd SE

Can't find a meeting that fits your schedule? Tell the City of Olympia what you think at [www.imagineolympia.com](http://www.imagineolympia.com). Questions? Contact [imagineolympia@ci.olympia.wa.us](mailto:imagineolympia@ci.olympia.wa.us)

### WHAT ABOUT THE CLIMATE?

Olympia must include plans for mitigating and adapting to the impacts of climate change and sea level rise. The City's telephone polling interviews indicated that climate change is at the **bottom of the list** of residents' concerns. Grassroots organizing can refocus the City's attention on climate. **Organizers with the Olympia Climate Action group suggest these ways to express your concerns:**

1. **ATTEND A COMMUNITY MEETING.** See the list above. Please contact Barb Scavezze at 878-9901 [barb@scavezze.com](mailto:barb@scavezze.com) to tell her which meeting(s) you can attend.
2. **HOST A NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING** with your friends and neighbors in your own home, using a fun and easy-to-use "Imagine Olympia Home Kit." It's available at <http://www.olympiawa.gov/imagine-olympia/public-involvement.aspx>
3. **SUBMIT ON-LINE COMMENTS.** On the City's Imagine Olympia website, "Climate Change and Sea Level Rise" is at the top of the list of 16 subjects to comment on and get more information about. Go to "More Information" to view the City's reports about Greenhouse Gases and Climate Change.

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION ABOUT CLIMATE

The following information is accessible from the Imagine Olympia site under "Climate Change and Sea Level Rise," or directly at <http://www.olympiawa.gov/community/sustainability/climate-change.aspx>

1. **GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS** Reports
2. Excerpts from **SEA LEVEL RISE** presentation to City Council
3. **CLIMATE CHANGE REPORT** produced by City staff in 2007. Page 25 of this report outlines "Key Climate Change Impacts in South Puget Sound."
4. **1991 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN**
5. **IMAGINE OLYMPIA** presentation (named "Climate Change Presentation"). This is located only at <http://www.olympiawa.gov/imagine-olympia/climate-change.aspx>

**War is terrorism with a bigger budget.**

# NEWS – RESOURCES – OPPORTUNITIES

**Olympia FOR newsletter needs volunteers to help research and write it:** Producing this vital community resource is a big task, but several volunteers can make it manageable. We need reliable people who have gumption and excellent writing and editing skills. The Olympia FOR can e-mail raw information to you in advance, and you can edit it down into tight announcements for the Calendar, for this News-Resources-Opportunities section, and for feature articles. You'd need a reliable computer and phone. We'll need a turnaround in just a few days so we can maintain our tight publication schedule. Interested? Questions? Call Glen at 491-9093. Thanks!

**Olympia FOR's benefit dinners in December raised \$1,226.33.** Thanks to everyone who contributed and enjoyed delicious food. Special thanks to all of our cooks and hosts: Peter Gerard, Dennis & Anne Mills, Chuck Schultz, Rozanne Rants, Muhammad Ayub, Amy Winslow, Audrey Daye, Dick Meyer, and Jody Mackey. Thanks to Alice Zillah and Glen Anderson for organizing the series. People enjoyed themselves. We'll do this again!

**Fellowship Magazines from 1990s to 2005 are available:** Dozens of copies of the national FOR's informative, insightful and inspiring Fellowship magazine are being offered free from one of our local members. The quality of the articles is outstanding, and has been for many decades. Some of the magazines are from the 1990s, and many are from 2000 to 2005. To borrow or own some or all of them for free, contact the Olympia FOR at 491-9093.

**A festival for peace, justice, the local environment, and more:** Terry Zander and other local creative community members invite people to join them in planning a two-day event at Heritage Park perhaps in September. They envision music, food, dancing, a parade, kite-flying, non-competitive games, and cultivating a sense that the Isthmus deserves to be a public space. Watch a video of a festival in India at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=lrB7f6-vSdI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lrB7f6-vSdI) (*The organizers in India invited Olympia's Bernie Meyer to attend and portray Mahatma Gandhi there. Look for Bernie many times in this video!*) Who wants to generate ideas and start planning for September's festival in Olympia? Contact Terry at 943-6109 [tezzer1.tz@gmail.com](mailto:tezzer1.tz@gmail.com)

**Organize a "popular assembly" or other gathering to improve communication and working relationships among all of greater Olympia's peace, justice and progressive folks?** Several activists from the Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace (OMJP) and other groups are starting to plan some kind of "popular assembly" to be held several months from now. Rather than start a new group or a new coalition, the intention is to improve communications, resources and assistance among our various groups and individuals. Could we reach beyond the "usual suspects" and make this as inclusive as possible – in planning the event as well as participating in it? Contact OMJP at 866-2404 or come to a meeting on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. Meetings usually occur at Media Island International, 816 Adams St. SE.

**Protect civil liberties in the State legislative session:** The ACLU accomplished great results during the 2009 legislative session. The current session is considering legislation about government surveillance, reforming marijuana laws, replacing the death penalty with life without parole, and more. You can help! If you are not already on the Washington State ACLU's E-mail Activist Network, sign up now. Visit [action.aclu-wa.org](http://action.aclu-wa.org)

**Volunteer to sort and pack donated medical supplies for poor countries:** Last year CHUMA sent seven shipping containers of medical supplies to Haiti and many shipments of medical supplies to other poor countries. Medical professionals donate supplies that are not being used here but could be used safely in poor countries. Volunteers gather to sort and pack them. They need volunteers aged 14 or older, and you can help! No experience or medical background is needed. Training is provided. Volunteering opportunities are also available Monday through Friday 7:30am to 4:00pm. Evening and other hours are available with advanced notice. Providence Health International / CHUMA is located at 2601 Willamette Drive NE, Suite G in Lacey. Phone 493-5640 or 493-5641 or [raymond.reyes@providence.org](mailto:raymond.reyes@providence.org)

**Keep on organizing for single-payer health care:** People nationwide and here in Thurston County are still organizing for single-payer health care. Olympia Single-Payer Action is alive! Contact Sandy Mayes at 956-1136 [sandymayes36@gmail.com](mailto:sandymayes36@gmail.com)

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**65 persons honored Martin Luther King by taking action at Trident nuclear submarine base at Bangor in Kitsap County:** 65 persons participated in a vigil and nonviolent direct action against the Trident nuclear weapons system at the main (Trident Avenue) gate to Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor (Washington) nuclear submarine base on Saturday, January 16. Two attempted to enter the base using a ladder to climb over the perimeter fence near the base entrance. Both were questioned by base security, cited for trespassing, and released. Members and supporters of Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action held a peaceful vigil along the roadway near the base entrance. Participants held signs and banners calling for peace and the abolition of nuclear weapons. A large banner honored the memory of Martin Luther King Jr. with one of his quotes: **“When scientific power outruns spiritual power, we end up with guided missiles and misguided men.”** A full-scale inflatable Trident missile read, **“NUCLEAR DETERRENCE = TERRORISM.”** **The Trident submarine -- just 60 miles north of Olympia and 20 miles west of Seattle – is home to more than 2000 nuclear warheads, the largest single stockpile of nuclear warheads in the US arsenal.** This is more nuclear warheads than China, France, Israel, India, North Korea and Pakistan combined. For more than thirty-two years Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action has engaged in education, training in nonviolence, community building, resistance against Trident and action toward a world without nuclear weapons. Info: Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action, [www.gzcenter.org](http://www.gzcenter.org) and Leonard Eiger (425) 445-2190, [subversivepeacemaking@comcast.net](mailto:subversivepeacemaking@comcast.net) and Tom Shea (425) 831-0033, [tomshea@centurytel.net](mailto:tomshea@centurytel.net)

**The January issue of the Ground Zero newsletter** is now available at: [www.gzcenter.org](http://www.gzcenter.org).



**Let the people of Burma have the democracy they want:** In 1990 Aung San Suu Kyi's party won a landslide election of 80% of the seats in Burma's parliament, and she would have been named president, but a military junta prevented democracy from being implemented, prevented her from taking office, has kept her under house arrest for most of the years since then, and has brutally repressed Burma's population. Aung San Suu Kyi stated, **“Even under the most crushing state machinery courage rises up again and again, for fear is not the natural state of civilized man.”** She was awarded the 1991 Nobel Peace

Prize. Please ask your US representative (e.g., Brian Baird in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District or Adam Smith in the 9<sup>th</sup> CD) to co-sponsor The US House Resolution 898, which calls on the Obama administration to take concrete action on Burma by establishing a UN Commission of Inquiry. The culture of impunity in Burma needs to end! Please do your part to make it happen! The U.S. Campaign for Burma – [www.uscampaignforburma.org](http://www.uscampaignforburma.org) – has plenty of information and ways to act.

**Stop the US Navy base on Jeju Island, Korea:**

The Jeju village has just been attacked by police and many villagers jailed. Bulldozers are primed to destroy the land. The base will destroy coral reefs that have been listed as world heritage environmental sites by the UNESCO and will destroy the fishing and way of life of the people. The deployment of naval Aegis destroyers, outfitted with missile defense systems, will be used to surround and provoke China and will make Jeju Island a prime target. This information comes from Bruce K. Gagnon, Coordinator of the Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space, PO Box 652, Brunswick, ME 04011 (207) 443-9502 [www.space4peace.org](http://www.space4peace.org) See details and action request at <http://space4peace.blogspot.com/>

**Nonviolent Civilian Peacekeeping:** Are you interested in concepts and ideas related to peace and nonviolence? You might enjoy reading the entry to the Oxford Encyclopedia of Peace on **“Civilian Peacekeeping.”** The encyclopedia is recently published and the article is written by the Nonviolent Peaceforce's new Executive Director Tim Wallis. Access it from: <http://nvpf.org/news/articles>.

**Refuse to pay war taxes?** The National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee (NWTRCC) has a new 30-minute introductory war tax resistance film (**“Death and Taxes”**) available on DVD. Consider watching it and sharing it with other people during this tax season. A trailer might be available soon. Information and ordering details are at: <http://www.nwtrcc.org/deathandtaxes.htm> More information is available from NWTRCC, PO Box 150553, Brooklyn, NY 11215 (718) 768-3420 or toll-free (800) 269-7464 and [www.nwtrcc.org](http://www.nwtrcc.org)

**Job opportunity: Interfaith Works seeks applicants for half-time Executive Director:** After more than nine years of excellent work, Kathy Erlandson is retiring. See the job announcement at [www.interfaith-works.org](http://www.interfaith-works.org), and apply soon. The Search Committee hopes to select the new Executive Director by March 15. Info: 357-7224

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### Seeking Hunger Justice Leaders aged 20-30 for

**advocacy training:** Two years ago, 75 young leaders came to the nation's capital for intensive training in advocacy for hungry and poor people. Since then, they have served as powerful agents of change in their communities. Now Bread for the World is looking for the best and brightest 20- to 30-year-old advocates to join our next class of Hunger Justice Leaders. Do you have what it takes to be Hunger Justice Leader? Or do you know someone who does? Selected participants will attend an advocacy training workshop – all expenses paid – in Washington, DC, June 12-15, 2010. Then they too will commit to going back to their communities to lead advocacy efforts. Please **apply now** to take part in this powerful opportunity to: (1) Gain skills in advocacy, team-building, and community organizing; (2) Connect with like-minded young leaders from across the United States; (3) Explore the biblical foundations of faith and justice; and (4) Speak out on Capitol Hill by visiting members of Congress. The application deadline is March 12, so don't wait. **Apply now** at [http://www.bread.org/get-involved/hunger-justice-leaders-training/2010/?utm\\_source=otheremail&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=hunger-justice-leaders](http://www.bread.org/get-involved/hunger-justice-leaders-training/2010/?utm_source=otheremail&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=hunger-justice-leaders)

**Move Your Money!** Mad at the big banks? Move your money away from the biggest, baddest banks to smaller, community based banks and credit unions. See [www.moveyourmoney.info](http://www.moveyourmoney.info)

**The Children's Alliance 2010 Legislative Agenda is at [www.childrensalliance.org](http://www.childrensalliance.org).** The website also includes tips for talking to legislators, the latest action alerts, and policy papers on the issues you care about. If you have questions or want resources to help you connect to advocacy for kids, feel free to contact their Community Organizer Emijah Smith at [emijah@childrensalliance.org](mailto:emijah@childrensalliance.org).

**Amnesty International helps students and local groups work for human rights worldwide:** The Spring 2010 Core Action ([www.amnestyusa.org/coreaction](http://www.amnestyusa.org/coreaction)) provides a road map for all student and local groups to activism through Amnesty International USA. Core Action is designed to guide and support your group's work in participating in AIUSA's campaigns and educating and engaging others. Get a copy from the website or phone toll-free (866) 273-4466.

**Donate books for OUUC homeless shelter's book sale:** The Out of the Woods shelter for homeless women and families relies on a book sale for part of its income. The Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation (OUUC) is remodeling its building and cannot be used for this purpose this year. They are conducting the book sale on-line and need collection bins to hold books in good condition to go into their sale. They'll be collecting books through February 27. For more information – or to help – contact [books@ouuc.org](mailto:books@ouuc.org) or Evelyn Greenberg at 438-5154. Thanks!

## "Our Job as Peacemakers"

Muriel Lester, the British pacifist and FOR leader, wrote: "Our job as peacemakers is to stop war, to purify the world, to get it saved from poverty and riches, to make people like each other, to heal the sick, and comfort the sad, to wake up those who have not yet found God, to create joy and beauty wherever we go, to find God in everything and in everyone... To disarm -- not only our bodies by refusing to kill, or make killing instruments in munitions factories -- but also to disarm our minds of anger, pride, envy, hate and malice..."

## "Nonviolence"

Wally Nelson (1909-2002) was an African-American civil rights activist, World War II conscientious objector, and peace activist who refused to pay federal war taxes since 1948. He wrote:

"Nonviolence is the constant awareness of the dignity and humanity of oneself and others; it seeks truth and justice; it renounces violence both in method and in attitude; it is a courageous acceptance of active love and goodwill as the instrument with which to overcome evil and transform both oneself and others. It is the willingness to undergo suffering rather than inflict it. It excludes retaliation and flight."

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TCTV PROGRAMS USE CABLE CHANNEL 22 IN THURSTON COUNTY.

## EVERY WEEK:

► Every Sunday evening at 10 pm AND every Wednesday morning at 3 am: The Olympia FOR's "Big Picture" documentary videos on TCTV. **FEB:** "Everything You Have to Know About Dangerous Genetically Modified Foods." **MARCH:** "Body of War." See page 4. Info: Carol 866-7645 [carolburns98@comcast.net](mailto:carolburns98@comcast.net)

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

Every Monday through Friday from 9 to 10 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 1:30 to 2:30 pm: Olympia FOR's TCTV Program: **FEB:** "Death Penalty: New Progress Toward Abolition." **MARCH:** "Protect the Separation of Church and State." See page 2 or [www.olyfor.org](http://www.olyfor.org)

► Every Wednesday from 12 noon to 1 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. Info: 491-9093 [glen@olywa.net](mailto:glen@olywa.net)

Every Thursday at 9:30 am and every Friday from 9 to 10 pm: Veterans for Peace airs a locally produced program on TCTV. Info: Dennis Mills 867-1487 [mills.dennis@comcast.net](mailto:mills.dennis@comcast.net)



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 6:00 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. Also enjoy the Artesian Rumble Arkestra jazz band that performs here to support our vigil! Sponsor: Olympia FOR. Info: 491-9093 [glen@olywa.net](mailto:glen@olywa.net)

Every Friday from 5 to 6 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. Since 1988 "Women in Black" has been a loose network of women worldwide committed to peace with justice and actively opposed to war and violence. Info: Karin Kraft 754-5352 [kraftkf@comcast.net](mailto:kraftkf@comcast.net)

► 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: June Butler 360-748-9658 or Larry Kerschner 360-807-5106 [peacepoet@gmail.com](mailto:peacepoet@gmail.com)

## SPECIFIC DATES:

**Sat Jan 30: Economic Survival Fair :** Discover many resources and services to help ease the burdens of everyday life. 10 am to 2 pm at The Olympia Center, 222 Columbia St NW. Info: 741-2604 [esf2010@volunteer.ws](mailto:esf2010@volunteer.ws)

**Sat Jan 30: “The Good Soldier” film benefit for Olympia’s Veterans for Peace Chapter 109:** This film speaks to all sides – to veterans who have been to war, to the people at home who know nothing of it, to people who have worked for peace all their lives, to families that have raised generations of soldiers, to flag wavers and flag burners alike, and to people across political and religious spectrums. Connect with Veterans for Peace. Afterward, members and friends of the Thurston County Progressive Network (TC Pro-Net) will gather nearby at the Cajun restaurant, the A2 Café (406 4th Ave E), for dinner and social networking. Doors open 3:30 pm. Movie starts at 4:00 pm, Capitol Theater, where Olympia Film Society operates. Tickets: \$8 general, \$6 OFS member. Info: Terry Zander 943-6109 [tezzer1.tz@gmail.com](mailto:tezzer1.tz@gmail.com)



**Sat, Jan 30: Holly Gwinn Graham performs!** Holly returns with her great wit, her community activism, her fine singing of originals and jazz and folk standards. She will be joined by a number of outstanding local musicians. 8:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW. Tickets: \$12 Student/low income: \$8 Info: [www.hollygwinngraham.com](http://www.hollygwinngraham.com)

**February is Black History Month.** Plan to read substantially and/or to do something significant. The Olympia FOR can lend you some books by and about Martin Luther King, Jr., in particular and the Civil Rights Movement overall.

► **Mon Feb 1: “Death Penalty: New Progress Toward Abolition.”** Olympia FOR’s February TCTV program debuts today and airs this month every Thursday at 9:00 pm and every Monday at 1:30 pm on TCTV cable channel 22 in Thurston County. (See page 2) Info: Glen 491-9093 [glen@olywa.net](mailto:glen@olywa.net) [www.olyfor.org](http://www.olyfor.org)

**Tues Feb 2: Health care forum includes a single-payer supporter:** Health care forums are occurring in the sanctuary of First Christian Church, 7th and Franklin SE, in downtown Olympia. Tonight’s forum will include Dr. Don Mitchell, who supports the single-payer solution. The series is sponsored by Interfaith Works, First Christian

Church, First Baptist Church, the United Church, Temple Beth Hatfiloh, Reality, St. Michael Catholic Church, St. John’s Episcopal Church and First United Methodist Church. These forums are taking place from 6:30 to 8:00 pm on several Tuesday evenings from mid-January to late February.

► **Sat Feb 6: Western Washington FOR Area Committee meets in Tacoma** from 10 am to 4 pm to provide overall planning and decision-making for the WWFOR regional level. FOR members are welcome to attend. Info and carpooling from Olympia: (360) 491-9093 [glen@olywa.net](mailto:glen@olywa.net)

**Sat Feb 6: Ethnic Celebration** honors Olympia’s diversity with ethnic music and dance performances by 24 groups on two stages, traditional ethnic foods, and demonstrations and elaborate display booths by 17 ethnic community groups. 10 am to 7 pm the Washington Center for the Performing Arts, 512 Washington St SE. FREE admission! Info: 709-2678 [www.olympiawa.gov/events](http://www.olympiawa.gov/events)

**Sat Feb 6: Historian Howard Zinn speaks** from 3 to 4 pm at The Evergreen State College. (Details were not available at press time.)

► **Sat Feb 6: Tom Rawson’s Folk Music Concert to Benefit Olympia FOR:** Mark your calendars now for 7:30 pm at Traditions Café. See page 1. Info: (360) 491-9093 [glen@olywa.net](mailto:glen@olywa.net)

**Sun Feb 7: Bridges Not Walls meets to plan ways to help our communities value and respect immigrants:** For meeting time, location, etc., contact [bridges-notwalls@riseup.net](mailto:bridges-notwalls@riseup.net)



► **Sun Feb 7: Olympia FOR’s Fundraising Committee meets** at 2:00 pm at Glen Anderson’s home to plan future activities. Anyone who wants to help is invited. Info: Alice Zillah 357-7705 [alicezillah@yahoo.com](mailto:alicezillah@yahoo.com)

**Mon Feb 8: Olympia Climate Action meets** from 7 to 9 pm in the Mixx-96 meeting room at SW corner of State & Washington. February’s gathering features an update on state and federal climate legislation and an update on the TransAlta Coal Plant and Washington’s Dirty Coal Dilemma, presented by Doug Howell from the Sierra Club’s Beyond Coal Campaign. The TransAlta coal plant releases more global warming pollution than anything else in the state of Washington. While the rest of the state works hard

to reduce greenhouse gas pollution, this plant continues to burn dirty coal. It damages our environment with haze pollution, poisons our bodies with toxic mercury and delays the creation of clean energy jobs. Bring your own mug to enjoy a cup of coffee or tea along with other refreshments. Olympia Climate Action (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OlyClimateAction/>) meets the second Monday of every month. Info: Barb Scavezze 878-9901 [barb@scavezze.com](mailto:barb@scavezze.com)

**Tues Feb 9: National Organization for Women (NOW)** meets at 7:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW. Info: Linda Malanchuk 357-7272

**Tues Feb 9: Organize to stop sweatshops: South Sound Clean Clothes Campaign** formed in 2000 to address sweatshop issues and has focused on getting public institutions to adopt sweatshop free purchasing practices. SSCC meets at 7:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Info: Dick Meyer 705-2819 and [www.southsoundcleanclothes.org](http://www.southsoundcleanclothes.org)

► **Wed Feb 10: Olympia FOR Steering Committee meets** for overall planning and decision-making. 7:00 at Dennis Mills' home in NW Olympia. Everyone is welcome. Info: Jody 915-6757 [hungryforpeace@gmail.com](mailto:hungryforpeace@gmail.com) or Berd 259-4291 [robertfwwhitlock@gmail.com](mailto:robertfwwhitlock@gmail.com)

**Wed Feb 10: "Getting it RIGHT in Carbon Exchanges"** -- Peter Dorman, economist from The Evergreen State College, will speak. Discussion will follow. 7:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW, Olympia. Co-sponsored by Earth Care Catholics of Olympia and Interfaith Works Earth Stewardship Committee. Info: 459-5825

**Thurs Feb 11: Isthmus Park monthly meeting:** 6:30 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW, Olympia.



**Fri Feb 12: Heartsparkle Players** is an outstanding local troupe with a loyal following. They use Playback Theatre, a spontaneous collaboration between performers and the audience. People tell moments from their lives, and then watch them re-created with movement, music and dialogue. Each month they invite a guest artist, community organization, arts program or social service agency to be a part of their performance. Through this collaboration we acknowledge and honor the work individuals and organizations do in our community. February's performance features the *Thunders*, an ensemble of young adult actors who have taken Playback Theatre workshops with the Heartsparkle Players. A \$5-\$10 donation is requested if you can afford it; nobody is turned away. 7:30 pm at Traditions Cafe, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW, Olympia. Info: Debe Edden 943-6772 [debek@olywa.net](mailto:debek@olywa.net) [www.heartsparkle.org](http://www.heartsparkle.org)

► **Sat Feb 13: Lewis County's FOR Chapter – the "Fire Mountain FOR" -- meets** from 1 to 3 pm at the St. Lucia Coffeehouse, Locust & Tower in downtown Centralia, following their 12 noon to 1 pm peace vigil nearby in Washington Park on Pearl Street. Info Larry Kerschner (360) 807-5106 [peacepoet@gmail.com](mailto:peacepoet@gmail.com) or June Butler (370) 748-9658 [juneb2@earthlink.net](mailto:juneb2@earthlink.net)

**Sat Feb 13: Support immigrant rights in Tacoma:** At 11 am board the Blue Green Machine Solidarity Bus or catch a carpool caravan from Olympia Timberland Library. Stop at the federal government's NW Regional Detention Center in Tacoma. Deliver food and coffee for the visitors of detained immigrants who have often traveled from as far away as southern Oregon and Idaho for the chance of seeing their loved ones. After a few minutes there, the participants will convene at UW's downtown Tacoma location for a short march to Senator Murray & Cantwell's offices in a local office building. Return to Olympia at 4 pm. Info: 753-0499

**Sat Feb 13: Stand for peace and for veterans who need our support:** Support Private Travis Bishop,



who has been held without due process at Fort Lewis's jail. He followed military procedures in claiming conscientious objector status, but the military had not followed due process, and he is in the brig. (The bottom of the photo shows him flashing a peace sign.)

Vigil 1:30-3:30 pm outside Fort Lewis at the bridge at I-5 exit 122 south of Tacoma. Info: Coffee Strong (353) 581-1565 [www.givoice.org](http://www.givoice.org)

**Sun Feb 14: PFLAG-Olympia Monthly Meeting:** PFLAG is the nation's foremost family-based organization committed to the civil rights of gays, lesbians, bisexual and transgender persons. PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of these persons and their families and friends through support, education and advocacy. PFLAG provides opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identity, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity. 2:00-4:30 p m in the Gathering Place room at First United Methodist Church, 1224 Legion Way SE (near Boundary Street), Olympia. Info: [www.pflag-olympia.org](http://www.pflag-olympia.org)

**Mon Feb 15: Rally at the State Capitol for a Humane Budget:** At 12 noon people will rally at the Capitol Steps to urge the Legislature to close tax loopholes and creating new sources of revenue to meet vital needs.



**CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE**

*A Voice for Washington's Children, Youth & Families*

**Mon Feb 15: Have a Heart for Kids Day: Join the Children's Alliance rally at the State Capitol and advocate for children at the Legislature:** The statewide Children's Alliance welcomes parents, youth, and compatible organizations on this special day. (It's Presidents' Day, so schools are closed and kids can participate!) Learn about issues and how to reach legislators effectively. Meet with legislators. Support a balanced approach to the state's economic crisis - including new revenue sources. Sign up now! Info: <http://www.childrensalliance.org/news-events/have-heart-kids-day> and Emijah Smith, Community Organizer, at 206.800.854.KIDS x25.

**Mon Feb 15: Quaker Lobby Day at State Capitol:** The Friends Committee on Washington Public Policy (FCWPP) provides reliable information and effective advocacy on issues that reflect Quaker ethics. FCWPP is focusing now on criminal justice issues. The morning session begins at the Olympia Friends Meeting House (219 B Street, across the I-5 freeway west of the brewery). FCWPP seeks to reduce the prison population, end "life without parole" sentences for juveniles, and reform other criminal justice issues. The afternoon session at the Capitol Building will let you meet with your individual legislators. Info: Tom Ewell, (360) 341-1457 [tewell@whidbey.com](mailto:tewell@whidbey.com)

**Tues Feb 16: People of faith promote social justice at State Capitol:** 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Start at United Churches, 11<sup>th</sup> & Washington SE, and move to the State Capitol for lunch and legislative meetings supporting social justice and a healthy environment. Meet your legislators and voice your concerns. \$25 fee includes packet, breakfast and lunch. Sponsors include Washington Association of Churches (206) 625-9790 [www.thewac.org](http://www.thewac.org), the Church Council of Greater Seattle (206) 525-1213, Earth Ministry, and the Lutheran Public Policy Office (206) 464-4133 [lppooffice@lcsnw.org](mailto:lppooffice@lcsnw.org) [www.lppowa.org](http://www.lppowa.org) [www.earthministry.org](http://www.earthministry.org)

**Tues Feb 16: Labor-activist folk singer Anne Feeney might perform in Olympia:** Details were not available at press time. Look for local publicity.

**Wed Feb 17: Annual Ash Wednesday Sunrise Peace Vigil and Service:** 7-8 am on W 4<sup>th</sup> near the fountain,

across from the Oyster House. It is the beginning of Lent in the Christian tradition and a time of repentance and works for compassion, justice and peace. The US continues and expands our war making and dropping bombs that turn families to ashes. The vigil is a witness against that and for peace and reconciliation. Info: Bob Zeigler 570-0848.

**Fri-Sat Feb 19-20: "The United States, Israel and Palestine: What Does Justice Require of US?"** Sabeel of Puget Sound offers its premiere event on two days at Saint Mark's Cathedral, 1245 Tenth Avenue East (north end of Capitol Hill), Seattle. Hear excellent speakers, including Neve Gordon. Info: <http://fosna.org/content/seattle-conference-february-19-20-2010> and BrittaLisa Gess, [brittalisa@gmail.com](mailto:brittalisa@gmail.com) (206) 323-0300 [www.SaintMarks.org](http://www.SaintMarks.org)

**Sat Feb 20: Sort and box medical supplies for other countries:** Info about how you can help CHUMA's volunteer efforts locally from 9 am to 1 pm today or on other days, contact Ray Reyes 493-5641 [raymond.reyes@providence.org](mailto:raymond.reyes@providence.org)

**Sun Feb 21: Community Café: Immigration:** Awaken and engage collective wisdom through conversations about questions that matter. Enjoy a light meal and meaningful dialogue about today's topic, immigration. Child care provided. First United Methodist Church, 1224 Legion Way SE (near Boundary St). Info: Scott 943-5804 [scott@scattercreek.com](mailto:scott@scattercreek.com)

**Sun Feb 21: Bridges Not Walls meets to plan ways to help our communities value and respect immigrants:** For meeting time, location, etc., contact [bridgesnotwalls@riseup.net](mailto:bridgesnotwalls@riseup.net)



**Sun Feb 21: Veterans for Peace: Monthly meeting:** 5:30 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW, Olympia. Info: Terry Zander 943-6109 [tezzer1@tz.gmail.com](mailto:tezzer1@tz.gmail.com) and [www.vfp109cc.org](http://www.vfp109cc.org)

**Sun Feb 21: Restorative Justice Initiative:** 7:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW, Olympia.

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**Fri Feb 26: POWER: Welfare Rights Benefit:** Readers Theater and soup benefit. 7:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW.

**Sat Feb 27: RESULTS chapter organizes to fight hunger and poverty worldwide:** RESULTS is a grassroots lobby, and a leading force in ending hunger and poverty wherever it exists. RESULTS has developed a unique support system that empowers ordinary people to make a difference. Volunteers in over 110 chapters around the country take actions - writing or meeting with members of Congress, generating media, and educating communities. Our volunteers are just like you, people searching for concrete ways to make a difference in their communities and around the world. 10:30 am to 12 noon at Olympia Timberland Library, 313 8th Ave SE, Olympia. Info: Nancy Curtiss 360-539-7603 and [www.results.org](http://www.results.org)

**Sat Feb 27: "Celebrating Broadway Musicals" (Big Shoe IV) benefit for local homeless and needy children:** All proceeds go to homeless and needy children in Thurston and Mason Counties. 7:30 pm (and 2:00 pm tomorrow) at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts, 512 Washington St SE, Olympia. Tickets 415.50 and \$17.50 can be bought at the box office or with the link on this website: [www.entertainmentexplosion.org](http://www.entertainmentexplosion.org)

**Sun Feb 28: "Celebrating Broadway Musicals" (Big Shoe IV) benefit for local homeless and needy children:** 2:00 pm. See details above.

► **Mon March 1: "Protect the Separation of Church and State." Olympia FOR's March TCTV program** debuts today and airs this month every Monday from 1:30 to 2:30 pm and every Thursday 9-10 pm on TCTV cable channel 22 in Thurston County. Info: Glen 491-9093 [glen@olywa.net](mailto:glen@olywa.net) [www.olyfor.org](http://www.olyfor.org)

**Wed March 3: Interfaith Works Earth Stewards Meeting:** Everyone is invited to participate in a group working to link faith and earth stewardship. Enjoy monthly meetings at First Christian Church, 7<sup>th</sup> & Franklin SE, Olympia. Info: 459-5825 and [LeslieHR@aol.com](mailto:LeslieHR@aol.com)

**Sun March 7: Bridges Not Walls meets to plan ways to help our communities value and respect immigrants:** For meeting time, location, etc., contact [bridgesnotwalls@riseup.net](mailto:bridgesnotwalls@riseup.net)

**Sun March 7: Religion and Peace:** Panel at The Evergreen State College will feature several local religious leaders. The students planning this event invite the public to attend. Tentatively 7:00 pm. Confirm time and locations with K.T. Cox [ktcoxster@gmail.com](mailto:ktcoxster@gmail.com) or Char Simons 705-1166 [char@zhonka.net](mailto:char@zhonka.net)

**Mon March 8: Olympia Climate Action meets** from 7 to 9 pm in the Mixx-96 meeting room at SW corner of State & Washington. Bring your own mug to enjoy a cup of coffee or tea along with other refreshments. Olympia Climate Action meets the second Monday of every month Info: Barb Scavezze 878-9901 [barb@scavezze.com](mailto:barb@scavezze.com)

**Tues March 9: Organize to stop sweatshops: South Sound Clean Clothes Campaign** formed in 2000 to address sweatshop issues and has focused on getting public institutions to adopt sweatshop free purchasing practices. SSCCC meets at 7:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Info: Dick Meyer



705-2819 and [www.southsoundcleanclothes.org](http://www.southsoundcleanclothes.org)

**Tues March 9: Violence Against Women and Children in our Community:** This is Part 1 of a two-part class focusing on domestic violence in our community. (Part 2 is next Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup>.) Everyone is welcome. A single registration fee of \$10 covers all the classes for the season. Fee waivers are available. Sponsor: the Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation (OUUC) Adult Education Program. 7:00-8:30 pm at OUUC, 2300 East End St NW, Olympia. The entire program guide is available at [www.oucc.org](http://www.oucc.org). Billie Williams would also be happy to answer questions. She can be contacted at [billie@enfrancetours.com](mailto:billie@enfrancetours.com)

**Tues March 9: National Organization for Women (NOW)** meets at 7:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW. Info: Linda Malanchuk 357-7272

**Wed March 10: "The Global Banquet: The Politics of Food"** – This DVD exposes globalization's profoundly damaging effects on our food system. Discussion will follow. 7:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW, Olympia. Free but donations accepted. Sponsors: Earth Care Catholics of Olympia and Interfaith Works Earth Stewardship Committee. Info: 459-5825

**Thurs-Sat March 11-13 AND Thurs-Sat March 18-20: 40-hour professional mediation training with the Dispute Resolution Center:** Learn powerful skills you can use at home, at work, or as a DRC volunteer helping people to solve conflicts in a healthy way. Thursdays 5-9 pm, Fridays and Saturdays 8:30 am to 5:30 pm. \$585. Info: 956-1155 [www.mediatethurston.org](http://www.mediatethurston.org)

**Fri March 12: Heartsparkle Players: "All Together Farming"** – Heartsparkle Players is an outstanding local troupe with a loyal following. They use Playback Theatre, a spontaneous collaboration between performers and the audience. People tell moments from their lives, and then watch them re-created with movement, music and dialogue. Each month they invite a guest artist, community organization, arts program or social service agency to be a part of our performance. Through this collaboration they acknowledge and honor the work individuals and organizations do in our community. This month they collaborate with **All Together Farming**, an organization dedicated to growing and distributing locally-grown food to communities in need. Everyone is welcome! A \$5-\$10 donation is requested if you can afford it; nobody is turned away. 7:30 pm at Traditions Cafe, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW, Olympia. Info: Debe Edden 943-6772 [debek@olywa.net](mailto:debek@olywa.net) [www.heartsparkle.org](http://www.heartsparkle.org)

► **Sat March 13: Lewis County's FOR Chapter – the "Fire Mountain FOR"** – meets from 1 to 3 pm at the St. Lucia Coffeehouse, Locust & Tower in downtown Centralia, following their 12 noon to 1 pm peace vigil nearby in Washington Park on Pearl Street. Info Larry Kerschner (360) 807-5106 [peacepoet@gmail.com](mailto:peacepoet@gmail.com) or June Butler (370) 748-9658 [juneb2@earthlink.net](mailto:juneb2@earthlink.net)



**Sat March 13: Progressive network fundraiser – "Let Them Eat Cake and Love Art!"** – The Thurston County Progressive Network (TC Pro-Net) brings together people who work for peace, justice, environmental, and other wor-

thy causes. TC Pro-Net's annual fundraiser allows you join with friends to eat, drink, dance, play blackjack, win a raffle and buy a great auction item. Don't miss this fabulous fundraiser. 7:00-11:30 pm at Sherri Goulet's home, 3516 Pifer Rd SE (just south of Olympia High School's readerboard). Info: 352-8225 [www.tcpronet.org](http://www.tcpronet.org)

**Sat March 14: World Sacred Music Series begins.** Watch for details at [www.olsacredmusic.org](http://www.olsacredmusic.org) and [www.oly-wa.us/interfaith](http://www.oly-wa.us/interfaith)

**Sun March 14: PFLAG-Olympia Monthly Meeting:** See Sun Feb 14 for info.



**Mon March 15: "Communicating to Connect" – Nonviolent Communication introductory session:** Learn Marshall Rosenberg's radical process to help heal relationships, resolve conflicts, promote social change, and increase personal happiness. Liv Monroe offers excellent insights and skills, 6:45-9:00 pm, Lincoln Elementary School cafeteria, around the corner on Washington Street from 213 21<sup>st</sup> Ave SE, Olympia. Free, but donations help support these trainings. Info: 357-4503 [livmonroe@gmail.com](mailto:livmonroe@gmail.com)

**Tues March 16: Violence Against Women and Children in our Community:** This is Part 2 of a two-part class focusing on domestic violence in our community. See details in the **Tues March 9** listing.

**Fri March 19: Mark the Iraq war's 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary:** United for Peace of Pierce County is planning how to recognize 7 years of illegal, unnecessary war in Iraq. Details were not set as of press time. Info: Steve Nebel 253 573 1504

**Sat March 20: Sort and box medical supplies for other countries:** Info about how you can help CHUMA's volunteer efforts locally from 9 am to 1 pm today or on other days, contact Ray Reyes 493-5641 [Raymond.reyes@providence.org](mailto:Raymond.reyes@providence.org)

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► **Sat April 17: “Change? What Change? Turning Our Frustration into Sea Change” – Western Washington FOR Spring Assembly:** Mark your calendars now for 9 am to 4 pm in West Seattle. Look for publicity in the next newsletters of WWFOR and Olympia FOR. Info: (360) 491-9093 [glen@olywa.net](mailto:glen@olywa.net)

**Tues-Sat June 22-26: U.S. Social Forum in Detroit will bring many people together for multi-issue progressive conference and organizing:** See [www.ussf2010.org](http://www.ussf2010.org)

**Fri-Mon July 2-5: “Visioning the Confluence of Justice & Peace” – FOR’s 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Seabeck Conference: *Mark your calendars now and join us in Kitsap County!* For 52 years the Western Washington FOR and Oregon FOR have partnered to conduct one of the largest and best-loved peace conferences in the Northwest. Nationally known keynote speakers and many workshop options inform and inspire people who gather to examine and discuss current peace and justice concerns in our local communities, the nation, and the world. Seabeck also offers an outstanding music program, led by folksinger Tom Rawson. Our 200 attendees represent a wide variety of faith traditions and people with no religious connections. Child and youth programs ensure learning experiences for all family members. We welcome all to join us! This year, we are inviting faith-based peace fellowships to collaborate with us during the weekend. Info: John Roy Wilson (503) 585-5436 [jrw45@comcast.net](mailto:jrw45@comcast.net) and Janet Hawkins (503) 244-7703 [janetchawkins@msn.com](mailto:janetchawkins@msn.com)**

## ***A true revolution of values***

On April 4, 1967, Martin Luther King said:

“A true revolution of values will lay hand on the world order and say of war, “This way of settling differences is not just.” A nation that continues year and year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death.”

## ***War is the enemy of liberty***

James Madison, one of our nation’s Founding Fathers, wrote this in 1780:

“Of all the enemies of true liberty, war is, perhaps, the most to be dreaded... War is the parent of armies; from these proceed debts and taxes; and armies, and debts, and taxes are the known instruments for bringing the many under the domination of the few... No nation can preserve its freedom in the midst of continual warfare.”

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"We can either have democracy in this country  
or we can have great wealth concentrated in  
the hands of a few. But we can't have both."

-- US Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis

"Permit me to issue and control the money of a  
nation and I care not who makes its laws."

-- Mayer Amschel Rothschild, founder  
of the Rothschild banking dynasty

## Amnesty for Peace Inactivists

Some folks are feeling guilty because they have not  
been as active lately as they think they should. Don't  
worry about it. **You have been granted amnesty!**  
Spring is coming, so now is a good time to:

- Start vigiling for peace again on Wednesdays and Fridays
- Share your thoughts with newspaper readers by writing a letter to the editor
- Mail that contribution you've been thinking about sending to Olympia FOR or the Western Washington FOR
- Come to one or more of the events in our newsletter – and invite a friend

Yeah! That's the spirit! Amnesty and renewed activism are the remedies for the winter blahs and inactivity guilt. The article at the bottom of page 4 can also help with this.

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