



## Olympia FOR's SUMMER SOCIAL SUNDAY JUNE 5 IN YAUGER PARK

The Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation warmly invites you to an afternoon of free food, music and conversation. Our **Second Annual Summer Social** will run from 3 to 6 pm **this Sunday afternoon June 5** in Shelter #1 of Yauger Park on Capital Mall Drive SW, west of Cooper Point Road SW, on Olympia's west side.

Our organization's name includes the word "fellowship," and we want to become more of a true fellowship – a grassroots organization where people get to know each other, enjoy friendships, and collaborate in working for peace, justice and nonviolence. Today's event will be an enjoyable afternoon together with food, music and a leisurely, old-fashioned flavor!

**Please come for the entire event. We'll eat delicious food at 3:00, enjoy Holly Gwinn Graham's music, make new friends and get to know old friends better, and affirm our working for peace, justice and nonviolence. We'll wrap up the afternoon by 6:00 after some informal social time and some more of Holly's music.**

The planning committee is providing all of the food, so you may simply come and enjoy! **Please RSVP so we'll know how much food to prepare!** For more information or to RSVP, contact Rozanne Rants, Chair of our Membership Committee, at (360) 705-8520 [rozannerants@yahoo.com](mailto:rozannerants@yahoo.com)

## QUARTERLY "Global Days of Listening" SATURDAY-SUNDAY JUNE 18-19 Will CONNECT WITH PEACE FOLKS IN AFGHANISTAN AND AROUND THE WORLD

Four times a year – near the solstices and equinoxes – people in Olympia and around the world connect through technology for 24-hour around-the-clock conversations with each other about their yearnings and efforts for peace. These Quarterly Days of Listening include young people in Afghanistan and people of all ages in many other countries, including countries that are being attacked and occupied, as well as in the U.S. and other countries that are responsible for the violence.

The next Days of Listening will occur from 5 pm Saturday June 18 through 5 pm Sunday June 19 (Pacific Daylight Time). Please join in the conversation!

Douglas Mackey and other Olympia FOR members organize local participation, and Douglas coordinates with other people around the world to arrange and facilitate the international conversations.

You may participate in several ways. Hear the whole broadcast (5 pm Saturday to 5 pm Sunday) on the internet at [www.livestream.com/dayoflistening](http://www.livestream.com/dayoflistening) or come to a local "Listening Post" in the Olympia area:

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# THE “BRING OUR BILLION\$ HOME” CAMPAIGN CONDUCTS AMBITIOUS OUTREACH AND ACTIVITIES

You are invited to participate in the “Bring Our Billion\$ Home” campaign to stop the wars, cut military spending, and use the savings to fund urgently needed social and environmental programs. The Western Washington FOR, Olympia FOR, and other local FOR chapters in Western Washington are organizing the campaign. Olympia’s organizers meet every few weeks to plan more activities, and **you are invited!** For more information contact Glen Anderson at (360) 491-9093 [glen@olympiafor.org](mailto:glen@olympiafor.org)



BRING OUR BILLIONS HOME

The Olympia FOR’s “Bring Our Billion\$ Home” campaign accomplishes much of our work through committees. The two months since our previous newsletter have produced a tremendous amount of organizing, activities and outreach in our growing campaign.

The Olympia FOR’s most recent “Bring Our Billion\$ Home” activities have included the following:

## AT SUNDAY MAY 22’S FESTIVE EVENT, PEOPLE “TURNED THE BUDGET AROUND”

Despite cold, windy weather, more than 150 persons attended the Olympia FOR’s “Turn the Budget Around” between 1:00 and 3:30 p.m. on Sunday May 22 at Heritage Park. They enjoyed our various activities, three musical acts, and the social time together.

Throughout the afternoon we enjoyed hearing the *Artesian Rumble Arkestra* (the band that performs during our Friday afternoon peace vigils at Percival Landing), *Today We Are* (a lively and beautiful combination of accordion and cello), and *A Motley Samba Group* (featuring talented samba musicians).



Kristen Dahle taught people to fold origami peace cranes.

We generated dozens of postcards to Congress.

Our “Turn the Budget Around” event had no speakers, no announcements, and no PA system. We conducted all of it at a friendly personal scale. Even though we dealt with serious subjects, the entire event was delightful and fun!

We set up a giant toilet and let people flush toy weapons down it. Each time someone dropped a weapon in, they heard a loud recording of a toilet flushing.



We handed each person ten beans to represent the federal budget and invited them to “spend” them in five jars labeled for various budget priorities. Here are the results of people’s budget decisions:

| # of Beans | Budget Category: Label on the Jar  |
|------------|--|
| 200        | Health for all people, including children, elderly, veterans, etc.               |
| 175        | Education (K-12, college, job training, etc.)                                    |
| 168        | Environment, Science, Natural Resources, Energy Conservation, Alternatives, etc. |
| 61         | All Other Federal Agencies, Interest on Debt, etc.                               |
| 23         | Military   |

The featured attraction was a wall of cardboard boxes representing the federal budget. People had created art work on one side showing visual images of military spending, and images of better ways to spend the money on the other side. Some people had prepared their boxes at home, and other people used the art supplies we provided to illustrate them on-site.

Thanks to Pat Holm, Marilyn Dungan, Sara Kent, Ramona Hinkle, and others who made this a success. Thanks to Berd Whitlock and Bob Zeigler for local BOBH photos on pages 2-3.

**SEE MORE BOBH ACCOMPLISHMENTS ON PAGE 3.**

## WE SET UP INFORMATION TABLES IN PUBLIC PLACES

Volunteers organized and staffed information tables at an event hosted by South Puget Sound Community College's BRICK student group, and three weekend days at the Olympia Farmers' Market. We shared information about military spending and the "Bring Our Billion\$ Home" Campaign and the FOR. We generated many postcards to Congress, received great support, and recruited new volunteers.

## WE ARE ORGANIZING TO COMMUNICATE WITH OUR LOCAL CONGRESS MEMBERS

The line between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional Districts runs through our community, so our local BOBH campaign has organized separate committees to interact with the U.S. House members Jaime Herrera Beutler (3<sup>rd</sup> Cong. Dist.) and Adam Smith (9<sup>th</sup> Cong. Dist.), chaired by Charlie Stephens and Chuck Schultz, respectively. Each committee is developing a different strategy for dealing with each representative (one a conservative Republican serving her first term, and the other an entrenched Democrat who supports a big military).

## A SEQUENCE OF SIGNS IN THE "BURMA SHAVE" FORMAT CONVEYS OUR MESSAGE

David Edwards, who vigils with the Olympia FOR on Wednesdays and Fridays, created a sequence of signs inspired by the Burma Shave format (white block lettering on red background, with a simple humorous rhyme).

Glen Anderson arranged for volunteers to hold these five signs in sequence at specified intervals so people driving past will read them and get the message, just like people used to do in decades past with the classic Burma Shave signs. We have done this a few times. If you'd like to volunteer to hold them in the future, contact 491-9093 [glen@olympiafor.org](mailto:glen@olympiafor.org).



## AUDIT THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE!



A clever strategy toward cutting the military budget would be to have the federal government audit the Department of Defense. The Department of Defense has lost track of many, many billions of dollars but – unlike other agencies – has not been audited. The public is angry about wasteful “big government” programs, and the DoD is the biggest and most wasteful of them all! The public will want to join with us! We are tapping into a nationwide movement that is bringing together many diverse Americans. Let's pressure Congress to force an audit.

We can generate letters to editors and other publicity. We want to get political parties, newspaper editorial boards, and others to call for this. We have drafted a resolution that various organizations could adopt, calling upon Congress to audit the DoD.

# TELEVISION PROGRAMS

FOR MORE THAN 24 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.

YOU CAN ALSO WATCH THE INTERVIEW PROGRAMS DESCRIBED BELOW (AND MORE THAN 70 OF OUR PREVIOUS PROGRAMS) AT [www.olympiafor.org](http://www.olympiafor.org)

**NEW OPPORTUNITY:** WHEN OUR THURSDAY NIGHT INTERVIEW PROGRAM ENDS AT 10:00 P.M., STAY TUNED TO WATCH THIS MONTH'S "BIG PICTURE" DOCUMENTARY, WHICH FOLLOWS IMMEDIATELY. SEE PAGE 5 FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OUR "BIG PICTURE" DOCUMENTARY SERIES.

## JUNE: "STORIES OF WORKING FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE"

For a long time the world has been suffering depressing news about war, violence, economics, human rights, environment, climate, and other issues. As a result, people who care about these issues can feel depressed and demoralized.

But – over the years – people who **persist in grassroots movements** for civil rights, peace, labor, environment, and so forth keep saying that **what keeps moving these movements ahead is people sharing their stories**.

This month's TV program features personal experiences, stories and insights from six local people who have worked effectively for peace and social justice. The program's first half features Debe Edden, Bob Zeigler and Marilyn Dunagan. The program's second half features Douglas Mackey, Holly Gwinn Graham and James Bowers.

Between these two sets of guests we feature a short video from the Afghan Youth Peace Volunteers. They traveled to Kabul and held a peace rally there.

While all of our TV programs are informative, we think you'll also find our June TV program is also especially warm and inspiring.

## JULY: THE TOPIC WILL BE CONFIRMED BY MID-JUNE.



The Olympia FOR's TV series has covered a great many different topics since Feb. 1987.

We maintain a list of possible topics for future programs. What topics and guests would you recommend? We're exploring several possibilities for our July program and will confirm one by mid-June.

**Congratulations to Monica Hoover, the Volunteer of the Year for Washington Public Campaigns!** Monica has worked very hard for a number of years to restore democracy in two important ways: reforming how we finance election campaigns and overturning "corporate personhood," which gives big businesses rights that should belong only to human beings. Both are long-term struggles with a long way to go. Washington Public Campaigns ([www.washclean.org](http://www.washclean.org)) will celebrate the efforts of Monica and a few others at WPC's awards banquet on Saturday June 18 in Seattle. See this newsletter's calendar listing for that date, or contact WPC at (206) 784-2522 [www.washclean.org](http://www.washclean.org)

**Congratulations to Douglas Mackey, winner of this year's WEA Human and Civil Rights Award for International Peace and Understanding!** Each year the Washington Education Association gives awards to recognize a few people's efforts. We thank Regon Unsoeld, who urged the WEA to recognize Douglas for his efforts to organize worldwide conversations about peace. Douglas responded by expressing appreciation for the work of Dennis Mills, Chuck Schultz, Kristen Dahle, Terry Zander, and others who have been helping to organize these efforts. Douglas also asked that the monetary award to go to the Olympia FOR to support our quarterly Global Days of Listening, when we talk with young peace supporters in Afghanistan and other peace supporters around the world. (See newsletter page 1.)

## 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 4) 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 **10:00 p.m. every Thursday evening immediately after our interview program (note this new time) as well as 10:00 p.m. every Sunday evening** for a full month. Info: Carol 866-7645 [carolburns98@comcast.net](mailto:carolburns98@comcast.net)

### JUNE: "STEALING AMERICA: VOTE by VOTE"

This documentary exposes potential irregularities in counting election votes. Across the country, voting rights are in danger. A growing number of state legislators are proposing bills requiring photo IDs and reducing early voting periods. These restrictions will impact minority voters, the elderly and low-income citizens who may not drive. In Florida, conservative legislators are sponsoring bills that would restrict third-party groups from conducting voter registration drives.

Dorothy Fadiman, an Oscar-nominated and Emmy-winning filmmaker, produced this documentary to shine a spotlight on the gritty reality of the last decade's most egregious incidents of U.S. electoral insecurity. The film brings together behind-the-scenes perspectives from the U.S. Presidential election of 2004 – plus startling stories from key races in 1996, 2000, 2002 and 2006. The film sheds light on a decade of vote counts that don't match votes cast – uncounted ballots, vote switching, under-votes and other examples of election totals that warrant investigation. The film is unbiased and non-partisan.

Also, you may view or download this film from Internet Archive, [www.archive.org/details/STEALINGAMERICAVotebyVote](http://www.archive.org/details/STEALINGAMERICAVotebyVote). If you can't do that, you may e-mail Johanna Gereke at [johanna.concentric@gmail.com](mailto:johanna.concentric@gmail.com) or [info@concentric.org](mailto:info@concentric.org) to request a free DVD of the film from Concentric Media, Box 1414, Menlo Park CA 94026 (650) 568-4340. Much more information about the film and the subject is at [www.concentric.org](http://www.concentric.org).

### JULY: "AFTERMATH: THE REMNANTS OF WAR"

This feature-length documentary reveals the unspoken truth about war: **a war never really ends.** When the overt fighting stops, the war still continues in many ways. This film exposes the human remains, environmental damage, and psychological trauma of military conflict that remain after the fighting stops and the troops go home.

Archival images and personal stories portray the lingering devastation of war. It was filmed on location in Russia, France, Bosnia and Vietnam. The film interviews people who destroyes unexploded munitions at Verdun and in Sarajevo, recovers and identified skeletons of battlefield casualties at Stalingrad, and helped victims of Agent Orange in Vietnam. It interviews people who remove land mines, psychologists who work with traumatized soldiers, and scientists and doctors who struggle with the contamination of dioxin used during Vietnam. It is based on Donovan Webster's award-winning book.

**Warning: This video may contain images depicting the reality and horror of war and violence, so it should be viewed only by a mature audience.**

(2001) (One hour, 14 minutes)

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## WATCH OUR TV PROGRAMS ON YOUR COMPUTER

Our webmaster Dennis Mills has posted on our website more than 70 of the Olympia FOR's TV interview programs – and also some special productions such as Congressman Dennis Kucinich's February 21 Olympia speaking engagement and our local performance of the Drug War Roadshow. Simply visit [www.olympiafor.org](http://www.olympiafor.org), click the **TV Programs** link, and scroll down to the program you want to watch.

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## Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation 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. – Adopted April 9, 2009

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"Days of LISTENING" CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

**Session ONE** will run from 5 pm to 12 midnight (Pacific Daylight Time) at Dennis Mill's home at 804 Narnia Lane NW, Olympia, WA 98502.

**Session TWO** will run Sunday morning from 12 midnight to 9 am at Traditions Cafe, 300 5th Ave SW, Olympia.

**Session THREE** will run on Sunday from 9 am to 5 pm at Zahid and Anne Chaudhry's home, 2420 Angela Street SE, Lacey.

The event website [www.globaldaysoflistening.org](http://www.globaldaysoflistening.org) offers information about how to call in or otherwise participate.

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## GOURMET ITALIAN AFTERNOON DINNER Will Benefit Olympia FOR SATURDAY JUNE 18

You can enjoy a delicious gourmet Italian dinner and support the Olympia FOR at the same time! Elsa Franco, a delightful Italian woman who vigils with us on Wednesdays and appreciates the Olympia FOR, will prepare all courses and serve eight guests at her home in SW Olympia from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoon June 18. Enjoy:

- ITALIAN "APERITIVO" (red vermouth)
- ITALIAN-STYLE "ANTIPASTI" (buschetta "my way" and a mixed platter)
- SHRIMP WITH VEGETABLES AND PESTO FETTUCINE
- INSALATA MISTA (mixed salad)
- ORIGINAL "TIRAMISU" DESSERT
- ORGANIC WHITE AND RED WINE

Building a world of peace, justice and nonviolence is possible only by working together – and creating a sense of community to sustain us in the struggle. This requires good food! Enjoy this delicious dinner and enjoy social time with other Olympia FOR folks.

For this special benefit dinner we suggest a \$30 donation per person when you arrive at 12:30. Proceeds will benefit the Olympia FOR's ambitious work for peace, social justice and nonviolence.

We can accommodate eight guests, so please contact Alice Zillah (357-7705 [alicezillah@yahoo.com](mailto:alicezillah@yahoo.com)) very soon to reserve your space.

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## ON MAY 17 THE OLYMPIA FOR CELEBRATED OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS, ELECTED OUR STEERING COMMITTEE, ENJOYED GOOD FOOD, AND LEARNED ABOUT RESTORATIVE PRACTICES

We packed a lot of satisfying activities into two short hours on Tuesday May 17 at Traditions Café. The Olympia FOR enjoyed delicious food, celebrated another year of accomplishments, elected Steering Committee members and officers, and learned about Restorative Practices from Beth Rodman, a Steering Committee member with extensive expertise in the subject.

We elected new Steering Committee members James Bowers, Janice Orcutt, Jeff Berryhill and Marilyn Dungan, along with Cheryl Crist, who had served previously. We re-elected incumbents Berd Whitlock, Douglas Mackey, Glen Anderson, Kerri Griffis, Kristen Dahle, Muhammad Ayub, Rozanne Rants, and Value Core. All will have two-year terms. Beth Rodman, Chris Carson, and Kim Dobson are incumbents whose terms continue for one more year. We elected Marilyn Dungan and Glen Anderson to be Co-Chairs, Berd Whitlock Secretary, and Vale Core Treasurer. We appreciate the service of Alice Zillah, Dennis Mills, and Jody Mackey, who are leaving the Steering Committee after serving us well.

Thanks to Jody Mackey, Chris Carson, and Berd Whitlock for planning this annual event.

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## PEACE Vigil NEWS

**Our peace vigils reach many people!** On a sunny Friday afternoon in April, Drew Gibbs, a regular participant, carefully counted how many vehicles passed the corner of 4th Avenue and Water Street, where we vigil every Friday. From 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. he counted 1,620 vehicles (cars, trucks, buses, bicyclists). Many of these carried multiple riders. Every week our Wednesday and Friday peace vigils convey our message of peace to thousands of people. Join us, and spread the word!

**Watch videos of our vigils on your computer!** Berd Whitlock participates in our Friday vigils and also captures some of the sights (including the scenic views and the Women in Black across the street) and some of the sounds (including music from the Artesian Rumble Arkestra).

May 6: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=g4ngntReGe0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g4ngntReGe0)

On May 13 almost all band members were performing in Seattle, but two who did not go there came and provided nice percussion for us.

Watch <http://olyblog.net/peace-vigil-video-0>

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# REGISTER NOW FOR FOR'S REGIONAL CONFERENCE AT SEABECK July 1-4 – "TOWARD A FAIR, SUSTAINABLE GLOBAL ECONOMY"

## THE SEABECK CONFERENCE

Now is the time to register for the FOR's 53<sup>rd</sup> annual regional conference at Seabeck in Kitsap County. "**Toward a Fair, Sustainable Global Economy**" runs from late afternoon on Friday July 1 through lunchtime Monday July 4.

Join 200+ people of all ages from the Pacific Northwest and beyond for a thoroughly enjoyable, informative and inspirational time. Enjoy keynote speakers, workshops, plenty of music, social time, special activities, and more. Spend the long Fourth of July weekend building the new society with people you will enjoy getting to know – or connecting with again. It's a great opportunity for networking, building relationships, and organizing region-wide.

See the flyer enclosed with this newsletter. Enjoy our keynote speaker and a wide range of exciting, high quality workshops.

**PLEASE PRE-REGISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!** The schedule, more information, and registration materials are posted at the Western Washington FOR's website, [www.wfor.org](http://www.wfor.org) (specifically at [www.wfor.org/seabeck/index-off.html](http://www.wfor.org/seabeck/index-off.html)). You can get paper copies from the Olympia FOR at (360) 491-9093, or from the Western Washington FOR office in Seattle at (206) 789-5565. Scholarships and low-income discounts are available, but you must pre-register promptly for those.

Carpooling from Olympia is coordinated by Glen Anderson, (360) 491-9093 [glen@olympiafor.org](mailto:glen@olympiafor.org)

The FOR is a 96-year-old international pacifist organization that is committed to profound nonviolence. Learn about our national and international levels at [www.forusa.org](http://www.forusa.org) and [www.ifor.org](http://www.ifor.org), respectively. The Olympia FOR's website is [www.olympiafor.org](http://www.olympiafor.org).

## THE 2011 CONFERENCE THEME

Little kids understand the concept of fairness (share with others, take turns, etc.). When people become adults and gain power, they may still practice fairness among friends and family members, but less so with people in the wider world. Also, cultural and powerful systems distribute resources unfairly according to place of birth, race, class, gender, and other criteria unrelated to need, effort, or equality.

At the global scale we are alarmed by the depletion of resources that everyone should be able to share and by the destruction of ecosystems and our whole climate.

We envision a world that nurtures every child, respects every person, and builds community where people may live and thrive. However, bringing our vision into reality is blocked by corporate greed, biased media, corrupt electoral systems, militarism, racism, and other systemic forms of injustice, violence and oppression.

How can we work locally and globally to dismantle those negative powers and systems and to build a community and world that will fulfill our vision? What is happening already? What else can we do?

Come join us as we analyze problems, discuss solutions, and celebrate our fellowship in the human family. Please register now! See the information in the left-hand column.

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The U.S. gloated over assassinating Osama bin Laden without a fair trial and without any due process whatsoever. This reminds us of what Christopher Dawson wrote in *The Judgment of Nations*:

**"As soon as men decide that all means are permitted to fight an evil, then their good becomes indistinguishable from the evil that they set out to destroy."**

In the same light, Martin Luther King wrote:

**"The ultimate weakness of violence is that it is a descending spiral, begetting the very thing it seeks to destroy. Instead of diminishing evil, it multiplies it. Through violence you murder the hater, but you do not murder hate. In fact, violence merely increases hate.... Returning violence for violence multiplies violence, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness can not drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate can not drive out hate; only love can do that."**

UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES AND NEW WAYS TO PARTICIPATE:

# THURSTON SANTO TOMÁS SISTER COUNTY ASSOCIATION SUSTAINS A STRONG RELATIONSHIP WITH NICARAGUA

Since 1988 our local community has built and sustained a strong relationship with a sister community in Nicaragua. The Thurston Santo Tomás Sister County Association (TSTSCA) has built peace and across thousands of miles of distance by interacting face-to-face with delegations from north to south and from south to north and by collaborating on practical projects in Santo Tomás.



While these delegations create visibility here, TSTSCA's work in Santo Tomás continues all year around and it needs ongoing financial support. TSTSCA provides financial support for several ongoing projects that the Santo Tomás community has identified has high priorities. These include:

While the Reagan Administration was making war on Nicaragua, people in Thurston County and Santo Tomás forged relationships of mutual understanding and respect. Bypassing governments, we just went ahead and did what was needed – and what was right.

The Olympia FOR's second TV program in March 1987 featured Jean Eberhardt, who had returned from a Seattle to Nicaragua Construction Brigade and was organizing an Olympia to Nicaragua Construction Brigade. The relationship grew and TSTSCA, a non-profit organization, was created the next year. Olympia filmmaker Carol Burns produced a documentary about TSTSCA's history and activities.

TSTSCA's partner there is the Santo Tomás Committee for Community Development. We collaborate with mutual respect and understanding. This is truly a grassroots effort that relies entirely upon ordinary people in both communities.

A delegation of six Evergreen State College students are completing ten weeks of hands-on activities in Santo Tomás. Several other Olympia community members will go to Santo Tomás in July. Look for an event this fall where you can hear from their first-hand experiences. Also, TSTSCA will soon begin visioning and planning for a delegation from Santo Tomás to visit here in 2012.

The members of our spring and summer delegations have funded their own delegations and included extra support for projects in Santo Tomás.

- The Scholarship Program currently will help nine Tomasinos attend college in 2012 through to their degree completion.
- The Comedor/library project provides free lunches to about 150 poor children each day – and books and space where kids can read and study. This \$7,200-per-year project needs our ongoing support for small salaries for three staff members of the kitchen and library.
- TSTSCA helps the Santo Tomás community in other ways. The Committee for Community Development identifies and prioritizes projects, and TSTSCA considers them and responds. The relationship is one of shared humanity and mutual appreciation rather than paternalism.

TSTSCA has 501(c)3 tax-deductibility status. **Some strong supporters of TSTSCA have pledged to match dollar-for-dollar all donations up to a total of \$1,000 that TSTSCA receives by August 31 from persons who have not given to TSTSCA in 2009, 2010, or thus far in 2011.** Please mail donations to TSTSCA, PO Box 561, Olympia WA 98507.

For a copy of TSTSCA's latest "newsy update" with a lot more information about these activities – or to learn more about TSTSCA and its activities – please contact Jean Eberhardt at (360) 943-8642 or [TSTSCA@gmail.com](mailto:TSTSCA@gmail.com)



"To develop the drop of compassion in our own heart is the only effective spiritual response to hatred and violence." -- Thich Nhat Hanh

# NEWS — RESOURCES — OPPORTUNITIES

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## PEACE AND GLOBAL ISSUES:

**US House narrowly defeats a timeline to get US troops out of Afghanistan:** On May 26 the house voted by a narrow 204-215 margin against the amendment offered by Representatives Jim McGovern and Walter Jones to require the President to create a timeline for getting the US military out of Afghanistan. Last year, in a Democratic-controlled House, a similar amendment was defeated 162-260. More House members than ever before have now voted to end the war in Afghanistan. This year's amendment gained 42 votes over last year's, even with a big Republican majority in the house. 26 House Republicans voted for the amendment, and 8 Democrats voted against it. Locally, Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler voted no, but Rep. Adam Smith voted yes.

**Voting records of individual US House and Senate members:** The Council for a Livable World tracks Congress's work on key national security issues, including nuclear weapons, Iran, Iraq and Afghanistan. CLW compiled voting scorecards for the House and Senate for 2009 and 2010. CLW notes that while these votes are important, they measure only some of a Senator's and Representative's positions, ideology and effectiveness. Info: [www.livableworld.org](http://www.livableworld.org) You can see individual US House members' scorecards at [http://livableworld.org/scorecards/C39461\\_House.pdf](http://livableworld.org/scorecards/C39461_House.pdf) and individual US Senators' scorecards at [http://livableworld.org/assets/pdfs/C39461\\_Senate\\_2.pdf](http://livableworld.org/assets/pdfs/C39461_Senate_2.pdf)

**Help Congress balance the budget: Shut down Selective Service System and stop preparing for a military draft:** An easy way to save \$25 million would be to cut funding for the federal agency that prepares for a military draft. Rep. Mike Coffman (R-Colorado) introduced H.R. 621 to shut down the Selective Service System (SSS), end draft registration, and suspend sanctions against persons who fail to register for the draft. (Currently only 91% of young men comply with the requirement to register, but about 33% of registrations are coming from persons applying for drivers' licenses, and 24% are coming from persons applying for financial aid for school, so many of these registrations are either coerced or unintentional.) H.R. 621 would suspend local draft boards and the SSS's other bureaucratic entities except during a real emergency. The Selective Service spends \$25 million a year setting up lists and regulations for a draft that has not occurred since 1973 and is unlikely to come now. If it were ever really needed, it would need only a few months to reconstitute the agency and start up a draft. Selective Service appears to have illegally used federal taxpayers' money to lobby Congress to continue funding the agency. Meanwhile, thousands of young men are coerced into registering and others are penalized for

life for failing to register. A free society does not require involuntary servitude. H.R. 621 is languishing in the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Military Personnel. This info came from the Center on Conscience & War, (202) 483-2220 [www.centeronconscience.org](http://www.centeronconscience.org)

**SOA Watch Summer Campaign:** SOA Watch organizes annual, highly visible and creative vigils at Ft. Benning, Georgia, to call for closure of the School of the Americas military training center (now called WHINSEC) that has trained Latin America's torturers and human rights abusers. Representative Jim McGovern's office is circulating a letter to President Obama, asking him to issue an executive order closing the SOA/WHINSEC. Rep. McGovern office is also circulating a Dear Colleague letter to his fellow Representatives, encouraging them to sign on to the letter to Obama. SOA Watch is trying to get a critical mass of Congressional signers in order to make a strong impression on President Obama. A successful "Executive Order" campaign would force President Obama to listen to progressive voices and shut down the school once and for all. It would also open the possibilities to other progressive legislation, paving the way for our tax dollars to be redirected to jobs, education, housing and human rights for all. To join the struggle, people everywhere can participate in a "Constituent Work Weeks" this summer to lobby their representatives when they are in their district offices. These weeks will be June 6-10, June 27-July 1 and July 18-22. Recently, SOA Watch activists in Dubuque, Iowa, contacted their Representative (Rep. Braley) about the sign-on letter, and shortly afterwards, he signed on. SOA Watch writes, "We are energized by our movement's ability to persevere, adapt and lead over the years. Let's make this summer a hot one for those in power!" Info: [www.soaw.org](http://www.soaw.org)

**Ring Bells for Peace!** A grassroots activist is putting out the call to ring bells at 6:00 pm each Sunday to call for peace and to warn of the dangers of global pollution. Olympia's Barb Monda writes, "It is a simple thing to do. We owe our children and future inhabitants of this planet a healthy home and it will not happen if we continue down the road we are on now. Give it some thought and get others to join in. Bells sound best when rung in chorus! Make you whole town a chorus of hope for the future of this most wonderful planet growing sicker by the day. You may feel a little silly at first but it may be worth it." To learn more, visit [www.earthbell.org](http://www.earthbell.org)

**Support the Puget Sound Nuclear Weapon Free Zone:** On Tuesday, April 26, 2011, the anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster, initiators of the Puget Sound Nuclear Weapon Free

Zone held a news conference to announce the Declaration of the Puget Sound Nuclear Weapons Free Zone. Puget Sound, home to Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor, contains the largest concentration of operational nuclear weapons in the world. The Bangor base houses more nuclear warheads than China, France, Israel, India, North Korea and Pakistan combined. Although the US Congress recently ratified the New START Treaty and has signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, the US continues spending billions of dollars building nuclear

weapons research and manufacturing facilities. The Navy plans to spend \$99 billion building a new generation of submarines to carry ballistic nuclear weapons. The Declaration for the Puget Sound Nuclear Weapons Free Zone already has dozens of individual and organizational endorsers, including Olympia FOR. See [www.psnukefree.org](http://www.psnukefree.org) and click on Declaration to sign on. Info: Leonard Eiger at [subversivepeacemaking@gmail.com](mailto:subversivepeacemaking@gmail.com) (425) 445-2190.

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## HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY:

**Summer of Human Rights in Georgia:** Georgia recently adopted HB 87, a law similar to Arizona's SB 1070 that instituted racial profiling and discriminatory treatment of Latinos. The new law is scheduled to go into effect July 1. The Georgia Latino Alliance for Human Rights, Somos Georgia, and other groups and individuals united to announce Georgia's Summer of Human Rights. The US Human Rights Network has pulled their upcoming conference from the state, the first in a series of boycott actions against Georgia. Georgia activists state, "We know that these policies emerge from a deep sense of insecurity. But we will demonstrate that placing our communities in peril is not a path to security. We will not only liberate our communities from these policies by ... expanding Human Rights Zones across the state, we will liberate our adversaries from their fears by working from a place of love." Info: <http://bit.ly/georgia2011>.

**Immigration Reform:** The US's immigration system is badly broken and must be reformed in humane ways. It has focused increasingly on imprisoning and deporting immigrants in spite of no criminal charges. This breaks up families, violates human rights standards, and embarrasses our nation. President Obama did not speak truthfully when he recently claimed that we do not break up families and that most people deported are criminals. The large sweeps by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) have increased in the Obama Administration. The Northwest Immigrants Rights Project (NWRP) encourages people to urge Obama to reform the system justly. Write to [www.whitehouse.gov/advise](http://www.whitehouse.gov/advise). Info: [www.nwirp.org/Home.aspx](http://www.nwirp.org/Home.aspx) and the National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights: [www.nnirr.org](http://www.nnirr.org)

**People of Faith Called to Speak Out Against Torture:** The National Religious Campaign Against Torture works with the religious community across the country to say "NO" to torture. The campaign has issued a statement of conscience that states, "Torture violates the basic dignity of the human person that all religions, in their highest ideals, hold dear... It contradicts our nation's most cherished values. Any policies that permit torture and inhumane treatment are shocking and morally intolerable." On May 2, the day after Osama bin Laden was killed, supporters of the Bush torture program declared that Osama bin Laden's death is a "vindication" of waterboarding and other torture methods. But the religious

community cannot justify an act that is intrinsically evil. The National Religious Campaign Against Torture helped facilitate opinion articles and letters-to-the-editor across the country and materials for Torture Awareness Month. Info: [www.nrnat.org](http://www.nrnat.org)

**High school student challenges Rep. Michele Bachmann to a debate on US Civics:** Amy Myers, a brave high school sophomore in New Jersey, recently wrote a letter challenging Bachmann (who has often made grossly inaccurate public statements about US history and government) to a debate on US Civics. Many thousands of people across the country have sent e-mails supporting this.

**Bradley Manning, alleged whistleblower, now imprisoned without trial for a full year:** On May 26, 2010, the US government quietly arrested a humble young American intelligence analyst in Iraq and imprisoned him in a military camp in Kuwait. Bradley Manning, now 23 years old, has never been to court, but he has already served one full year in prison, including 10 months in conditions that clearly violated international conventions against torture. Bradley has been



informally charged with releasing to the world documents that have revealed corruption by world leaders, widespread civilian deaths at the hands of US forces, the true face of Guantanamo, an unvarnished view of the US's imperialistic foreign negotiations, and the murder of two employees of Reuters News Agency by American soldiers. These documents released by WikiLeaks have spurred democratic revolutions across the Arab world and have changed the face of journalism forever. The US government wants to charge him with crimes that could lead to a life sentence or even execution. But many people around the world who believe in peace and in openness have come to his defense. Several organizations, including the Bradley Manning Support Network, have pressured the US government to end the tortuous conditions of his pre-trial confinement, so now he is being treated adequately at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Info: [www.bradleymanning.org](http://www.bradleymanning.org)

**“Democracy is coming to the U.S.” – Attend the 2011 Democracy Convention in Madison, Wisconsin, Wed-Sun Aug 24-28:** A new movement -- *a democracy movement* -- was born in the streets of Seattle on November 30, 1999. This movement's early years were not easy. Pro-democracy organizers faced crisis after crisis: the stolen presidential elections of 2000 and 2004; the militarization of America that followed September 11th; the recolonization of the Gulf Coast in the aftermath of Katrina; the Supreme Court ruling that corporations wield constitutional rights to buy elections; and today, an economic crisis that is being used to impose fiscal austerity and corporatization schemes on our states and people.

Through these difficult struggles, the new democracy movement has taken form, expanded, and matured. **Now it is time for a coming-of-age celebration.** This is the moment to unite in one location the many different efforts to build genuine democracy in the United States. And what better place to come together, and to rejoice, than in Madison, Wisconsin, the city and state that have inspired people everywhere to declare that "We are Wisconsin!" Several organizations (Move to Amend, Alliance for Democracy, Liberty Tree, Center for Media and Democracy, and The Progressive) invite you to a nationwide gathering to organize for a really profound democracy in the U.S. Info: [www.DemocracyConvention.org](http://www.DemocracyConvention.org)

## ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE, RESOURCES, SUSTAINABILITY:

**We Are Power Shift:** The organization Power Shift has brought together thousands of young leaders to build community and launch campaigns. By sharing stories, crafting campaigns together and taking action, the organization empowered and strengthened youth activism. Now, the Energy Action Coalition is re-launching the organization as WeArePowerShift.org – a new grassroots-driven online community for young organizers. At the site, activists can create an account, check out the stories from Power Shift and share updates on the work that's happening at their campus or community. Check out [www.WeArePowerShift.org](http://www.WeArePowerShift.org) for some of the awesome stories Power Shifters have already posted. For help or questions, email [contact@wearepowershift.org](mailto:contact@wearepowershift.org).

**The “Moving Planet” worldwide rally on Saturday September 24 will demand solutions to the climate crisis:** While the climate crisis escalations, people with power merely talk and cave in. On Saturday September 24 you can move without fossil fuels – by bike, skate, skateboard, or your own feet – to demand solutions to the climate crisis. Create local events, generate publicity, and use your creativity. Involve people of all ages. Involve the groups you belong to. Info: [www.moving-planet.org](http://www.moving-planet.org)

**Good news for a park on Olympia’s Isthmus:** The Olympia Capitol Park Foundation’s proposal for funding to help buy land on Olympia’s Isthmus for a Capitol/Olympic Vista Park. The Thurston County Conservation Futures program recently recommended that the Thurston County Commissioners award a \$600,000 grant to the project. If the commissioners approve, this grant would help to acquire the parcels on the western portion of the proposed park, where the Larida Passage development had been planned. The Thurston County Commissioners are likely to decide on the Conservation Futures funding in late June. If they concur with the recommendation of the staff and ranking committee, this will be a very important milestone – the first commitment of public funding for the project – and this will stimulate additional private and public financial support. Share your thoughts about this by e-mailing County Commissioners Karen Valenzuela, Sandra Romero, and Cathy Wolfe through their website at [www.co.thurston.wa.us/bocce/](http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/bocce/) or by telephoning them at 786-5440. Info: [www.olycapitolparkfoundation.org](http://www.olycapitolparkfoundation.org) and Jerry Reilly, Olympia Capitol Park Foundation 561 4212



**350.org is building a global grassroots movement to solve the climate crisis:** Thousands of volunteer organizers in more than 188 countries are leading this organization’s online campaigns, grassroots organizing, and mass public actions from the bottom up. Leading scientists say that 350 parts per million of carbon dioxide in our atmosphere is the safe upper limit without causing runaway climate chaos. **We are already far above that amount, so we must act immediately and boldly to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> back to 350 ppm.** To do this, we urgently need a different kind of PPM—a “people powered movement” that is made of people like you in every corner of the planet. Info: [www.350.org](http://www.350.org)



## ECONOMIC JUSTICE:

**Many States with poor economies cut public assistance benefits harshly:** Liz Schott and LaDonna Pavetti recently wrote, “States are implementing some of the harshest cuts in recent history for many of the nation’s most vulnerable families with children who are receiving assistance through the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant. The cuts will affect 700,000 low-income families that include 1.3 million children; these families represent over one-third of all low-income families receiving TANF nationwide.” Schott and Pavetti call for a strong “safety net” to expand and contract as needed. The TANF block grant grossly fails to meet people’s needs during this economic crisis. [www.cbpp.org/files/5-19-11tanf.pdf](http://www.cbpp.org/files/5-19-11tanf.pdf). is their 8-page report.



**The US’s wealth gap is tearing our nation apart:**

### DID YOU KNOW...

- The wealthiest 1% of our population owns more than 90% of us combined!
- The wealthiest 10% of our population owns more than ¾ of the nation’s wealth!
- The median African American household has less than ten cents of wealth for every dollar of wealth owned by the median white family!

The new **Mind the Gap!** campaign is telling our nation about how the wealth gap robs all of us. Beyond the economic injustice, this gap breaks our human society apart in other ways. Info: [www.networklobby.org/campaign/mind-the-gap](http://www.networklobby.org/campaign/mind-the-gap)

### New website assesses how legislation affects the middle class:

The Campaign for America’s Future and Progressive-Punch.org offer [www.TheMiddleClass.org](http://www.TheMiddleClass.org), a website with information and analysis on congressional legislation from the viewpoint of the hard-hit folks in the middle. The site provides a letter grade for every current member of Congress based on their voting record on health care, education, and other important issues. TheMiddleClass.org will help citizens counter the pressure that corporate-backed groups put on Congress with their money, their lobbyists and their own scorecards. The site promises to guide you through the current budget battle and the myriad of other fights ahead. Check it out today – [www.themiddleclass.org](http://www.themiddleclass.org).

**Campaign for imprisoned labor organizers in Bangladesh:** The South Sound Clean Clothes Campaign is gathering signatures for a petition to Wal-Mart to defend several Bangladeshi workers and organizers who were arrested last fall while protesting low pay and poor working conditions for Bangladeshi garment workers. Sweatfree Communities’ petition campaign seeks 10,000 signatures to prevent a trial for these activists. If convicted, they could face life imprisonment or even the death penalty. They have not used violence, but merely helped organize workers to petition for their rights and improvements in their horrific working conditions. Wal-Mart is a significant purchaser in Bangladesh, where there are 3.4 million garment workers. 12% to 15% of Bangladesh’s garment exports go to Wal-Mart. Wal-Mart’s annual meeting on June 4 will attract nationwide activists for labor rights to pressure the company to improve working conditions in Bangladesh and to protect the arrested workers. Please sign a copy of the petition at Traditions, 5<sup>th</sup> and Water Street in downtown Olympia. You can also pick up a petition, gather signatures, and then return it to Traditions. To write an email to officials in Bangladesh in support of workers: [http://action.laborrights.org/p/dia/action/public/?action\\_K EY=869](http://action.laborrights.org/p/dia/action/public/?action_K EY=869) Info: Dick Meyer at [dick@traditionsfairtrade.com](mailto:dick@traditionsfairtrade.com) (360) 705-2819.

### Name greed for what it is: Visit [www.livinggreedy.com](http://www.livinggreedy.com):

Our state’s historic budget deficit is due partly to the overall economic crisis and partly due to greedy special interests that get rich at everyone else’s expense. Greedy special interests are digging in their heels to defend the billions of dollars in exemptions they receive every year. The new website [www.livinggreedy.com](http://www.livinggreedy.com) turns the table on these special interests by offering weekly “deals” to trade in unjust tax loopholes and use the money we save to fund education, health care, and essential services. If enough people sign up to trade in these tax loopholes, they’ll send the results to legislators to demonstrate the grassroots support for protecting our communities, not special interests. Check out [www.livinggreedy.com](http://www.livinggreedy.com)!

**National Labor College:** The AFL-CIO offers training through its National Labor College for union members, leaders and staff who want to be able to increase their earning potential, advance within their union, or simply expand their skill base. New online bachelor’s degrees now are offered in Business Administration, Construction Management, and Emergency Readiness and Response Management. The college offers online degree programs and summer courses. You even can earn college credit for learning acquired through training and work experience. The National Labor College provides financial aid for those who qualify and 60 Union Plus scholarships for their three new online degree programs. In addition, all union members receive discounts on the college’s tuition rates. To learn more, call 1-888-427-0300 or visit [www.nlc.edu](http://www.nlc.edu).

**Update on the proposal for a publicly owned Washington State Bank:** HB1320 (companion SB5238), which would have created a task force to study how to start a state bank in Washington did not make it out of committee in the recently ended legislative session. Many supporters had attended the hearing, but bank lobbyists and the State Treasurer's office spoke against it. In order to relieve the Treasurer's opposition, prime sponsor Rep. Hasegawa quickly wrote a new bill (HB 2040) that incorporated a solution to the Treasurer's objection. Rep. Dunshee sponsored HB 2040 so it could go through a committee that he chairs. While bank lobbyists still opposed it, the Treasurer's office did not. This bill passed out of committee, but it died in the Rules Committee without advancing to the floor. Supporters will build momentum for next year.

**Public Banking Institute supports public banking at all levels:** Support is growing for the idea of having governments create banks to serve the broad public instead of giant capitalists. Volunteers nationwide formed an organization to advance this. Some good Seattle organizers are active. See [www.publicbankinginstitute.org](http://www.publicbankinginstitute.org) and [www.newrules.org](http://www.newrules.org) and [www.stateinnovation.org](http://www.stateinnovation.org) and [www.demos.org](http://www.demos.org)

**Vermont enacts law that moves Vermont toward universal single-payer health care:** Both houses of Vermont's legislature passed H 202, and Gov. Shumlin signed it into law. While not immediately creating a universal single-payer system, it creates a path toward this simple, effective solution. Because the national system contains so many barriers, this bill creates an Exchange and prepares Vermont to request a waiver from the ACA in 2014. The bill also includes a 5-member board that will work to contain costs.

## Olympia FOR's ANNOUNCEMENTS & REQUESTS:



**Do we have your e-mail address?** Occasionally the Olympia FOR needs to communicate with our people by e-mail. If you are not receiving our occasional e-mails, please share your e-mail address so we can keep in

touch. Please contact us at [info@olympiafor.org](mailto:info@olympiafor.org) Thanks!

**Would you like to receive your newsletter by e-mail instead of on paper?** We are happy to send paper copies to everyone who wants them, but we're finding many people who would prefer to receive .pdf versions. If you would like to receive your newsletters electronically – or in both printed and .pdf formats – please contact [info@olympiafor.org](mailto:info@olympiafor.org) or (360) 491-9093.



**Olympia FOR needs people to help our Outreach Committee:**

The Olympia FOR is constantly reaching out to our community in various ways to tell people who we are and what we do. We set up information tables at public events, communicate

with various organizations and constituencies, write information about the Olympia FOR to print on paper and post to various websites, and so forth. We created an Outreach Committee to plan and carry out these activities, but the committee is very short-handed. Are you interested in this creative way to help the Olympia FOR? If so, contact Glen Anderson at 491-9093

[glen@olympiafor.org](mailto:glen@olympiafor.org) Our **Fundraising Committee** also needs more volunteers.

**Would you help sometimes with Olympia FOR's mailing parties?** We typically assemble our newsletters on a weekday afternoon every two months and our other mailings at various days and times. We can contact you when we need help. If you're available, great! If you're not available, that's OK; we can try on another occasion. Contact Glen Anderson at 491-9093 [glen@olympiafor.org](mailto:glen@olympiafor.org)

**Would you organize our annual peace lantern floating at**



**Olympia's August 13 Bon Odori event?**

For about 20 years Kristen Dahle has organized – on behalf of the Olympia FOR – the peace lantern floating ceremony at the end of the annual mid-summer Japanese Bon Odori festival. We are look-

ing for someone to follow Kristen as the Olympia FOR's organizer of this event. This year Olympia's Bon Odori festival will occur on Saturday August 13. To find out what this entails, please contact Kristen at 357-3553 [kjdahle@comcast.net](mailto:kjdahle@comcast.net) The rest of Bon Odori is organized by the Olympia Japanese American Citizens' League (JAACL) and Olympia Kato Sister Cities Association (OKSCA). More info: JAACL (Reiko Callner 791-3295 [jcallner@comcast.net](mailto:jcallner@comcast.net)) or OKSCA (Allen Miller 754-9156 [allen@atmlawoffice.com](mailto:allen@atmlawoffice.com))

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EVENTS OUTSIDE OF THURSTON COUNTY HAVE THEIR LOCATIONS UNDERLINED.

TCTV PROGRAMS USE CABLE CHANNEL 22 IN THURSTON COUNTY.

## EVERY WEEK:

**NOTE:** TCTV programs use cable channel 22 within Thurston County.

**Every Sunday at 2:00 pm: The Olympia Coalition for a Fair Budget meets** at Media Island, 816 Adams Street SE to organize for a state budget that is fair and humane, especially to low-income people and other vulnerable folks.

**FOR** Every Sunday evening at 10:00 pm: **The Olympia FOR's "Big Picture" documentary videos on TCTV:** JUNE: "STEALING AMERICA: Vote by Vote." JULY: "Aftermath: The Remnants of War." See newsletter page 5. 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 to 5 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

**FOR** Every Monday from 1:30 to 2:30 pm: **Olympia FOR's TCTV Program:** JUNE: "Stories of Working for Peace and Justice." JULY topic will be confirmed by mid-June. See newsletter page 4 or [www.olympiafor.org](http://www.olympiafor.org)

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

**Every Monday from 5:00 to 6:00 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)

**FOR** Every Wednesday from 12:00 noon 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. Info: 491-9093 [glen@olympiafor.org](mailto:glen@olympiafor.org)

**Every Wednesday at 2:30 pm: Parents Organizing for Welfare and Economic Rights (POWER) holds volunteer meetings** every week at the POWER office, 309 5th Ave, next door to Rainy Day Records. Children are welcome. Info: 352-9716 [welfarerights@riseup.net](mailto:welfarerights@riseup.net) [www.oly-wa.us/power](http://www.oly-wa.us/power)

**Every Thursday from 8:00 to 9:00 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 12:00 to 1:00 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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**FOR** Every Friday from 4:30 to 6:00 pm: **Peace Vigil** at south end of Percival Landing at 4<sup>th</sup> & Water downtown. Please join us for whatever length of time you can. We provide plenty of signs. Also enjoy the Artesian Rumble Arkestra jazz band that joins us at 5:00 to support our vigil! Sponsor: Olympia FOR. Info: 491-9093 [glen@olympiafor.org](mailto:glen@olympiafor.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. 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)

**FOR** Every Saturday from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm: **Peace Vigil in Centralia** on the edge of Washington Park at Locust & Pearl in downtown Centralia. On most Saturdays gather afterward nearby at the Santa Lucia Coffee House. Sponsor: Fire Mountain FOR. Info: June Butler 748-9658 or Larry Kerschner 880-4741 [peacepoet@gmail.com](mailto:peacepoet@gmail.com)

## SPECIFIC DATES

**FOR Thurs June 2: “Stories of Working for Peace and Justice.”** -- Olympia FOR’s June TCTV program debuts tonight: Watch it every Thursday at 9:00 pm and every Monday at 1:30 pm on TCTV cable channel 22 in Thurston County. See newsletter page 4. Info: Glen 491-9093 [glen@olympiafor.org](mailto:glen@olympiafor.org)

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**Fri-Sat June 3-4: Sea Cinema – FREE Film Festival:** Celebrate World Oceans Day with People For Puget Sound’s annual two-day Sea Cinema Film Festival at Olympia Film Society’s Capitol Theater, 206 5<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, downtown Olympia. Enjoy and learn from free family-friendly films (many of them short) from 6 pm to 12 midnight Friday and Saturday. See the complete list of films and discussions at <http://pugetsound.org/events/seacinema>

**FOR Sunday June 5: Olympia FOR Summer Social:** The Olympia FOR’s Summer Social last September was a big success, so we want to bring people together again for another Summer Social even before summer officially begins! Please join us on Sunday, June 5 from 3:00 to 6:00 pm at Yauger Park in SW Olympia. The park is on Capital Mall Drive SW, a few blocks west of Cooper Point Road SW. Turn at the Yauger Park sign. Our Summer Social planners are providing the food, so simply come and enjoy the afternoon! **Please RSVP so we will know how much food to prepare.** To learn more or RSVP contact Rozanne Rants at (360)705 8520, [rozannerants@yahoo.com](mailto:rozannerants@yahoo.com)

**Mon June 6: Parents Organizing For Welfare and Economic Rights (POWER) holds its monthly POWER Outage** at Darby’s Cafe, 211 5th Ave. A 5:30 pm pot-luck meal precedes the 6:00-8:00 pm main event (an activity, discussion, planning meeting, or skill-building workshop). Free childcare is provided down the street at the POWER office by the fabulous Olympia Childcare Collective. Info: 352-9716 [welfarerights@riseup.net](mailto:welfarerights@riseup.net) [www.oly-wa.us/power](http://www.oly-wa.us/power)

**FOR Tues June 7: Olympia FOR’s book discussion group about moving from war to peace:** 7:00 pm at Chuck Schultz’s home, 1621 Tullis NE (a little north of San Francisco Street Bakery). Discuss Jared Diamond’s book *Collapse*. Info about books and discussions for tonight and in future months: Chuck 705-8520 [chuckschultz3@msn.com](mailto:chuckschultz3@msn.com)

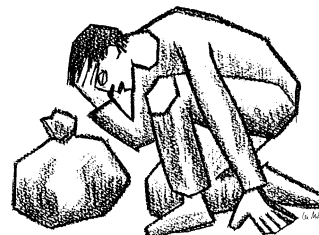
**FOR Wed June 8: Olympia FOR’s Steering Committee meets** at 7:00 pm at Rozanne Rants’ home for overall

planning and decision-making. All Olympia FOR members are welcome. Info: 491-9093 [info@olympiafor.org](mailto:info@olympiafor.org)

**Wed June 8: Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace (OMJP) meets** at 7:00 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday evenings of each month to work on a variety of global and local issues. Meet at the POWER office, 309 5<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Olympia. Info: Larry 866-2404 [Imosqueda@comcast.net](mailto:Imosqueda@comcast.net)

**Sat June 11: “Compassionate Listening: Healing Our World From the Inside Out” – a One-Day Training:** Skilled trainers Susan Partnow and Andrea Cohen will conduct this from 9:30 am to 6:00 pm in Seattle. \$75-\$175 sliding scale cost, according to need. Register now! [www.compassionatelisting.org](http://www.compassionatelisting.org) Info: Andrea (206) 523-6018. (The next training in Seattle will occur on Sat-Sun Sept 17-18.)

**Sat-Sun June 11-12: 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Capital City Pride Celebration:** Saturday 10 am to 5 pm, Sunday 11 am to 3 pm, Sylvester Park, Legion & Capitol Way, Olympia. **Be sure to visit the Olympia FOR’s information table about abolishing the death penalty and play our “Fishing for Justice” game!** The parade from the Capitol Building to Sylvester Park will occur on Sunday. Information about the events: <http://capitalcitypride.net/festival-parade/>



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dignity. BNW works to make our communities places where immigrants are valued and respected. BNW opposes the fear and intimidation created by immigration enforcement in our region. Therefore, we work in solidarity with the immigrant communities in our area to promote human rights, economic rights and civil rights for all people. They meet twice each month, alternating between Shelton and Olympia. Meet at 4:00 pm today in the MIXX 96 meeting room at the SW corner of State and Washington in downtown Olympia. Info: 943-8642

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change? This has both personal and societal implications as people and nations struggle under the burden of hatred. Come to this community discussion with Dr. David James and bring your stories of forgiveness to share. 7:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW, Olympia.

**Fri June 17: Community Discussion of Forgiveness:** We never find true happiness until we experience forgiveness. How can we find it in our heart to forgive if the one who has wounded us won't

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**Sat June 18: Gourmet Italian Afternoon Dinner to Benefit Olympia FOR:** You can enjoy a delicious gourmet Italian dinner and support the Olympia FOR at the same time! Elsa Franco, a delightful Italian woman who vigils with us on Wednesdays and appreciates the Olympia FOR, will prepare all courses and serve eight guests at her home in SW Olympia from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoon June 18. (See menu on newsletter page 6.) Each person's \$30 donation will benefit the Olympia FOR. We can accommodate eight guests, so please contact Alice Zillah (357-7705 [alicezillah@yahoo.com](mailto:alicezillah@yahoo.com)) very soon to reserve your space.



**Sat June 18: Criminal Justice Reform Roundtable hosted by Quaker-based legislative advocacy group:** The Friends Committee on Washington Public Policy (FCWPP) invites you to their third annual

half-day Roundtable for Quakers and others to share their interests, experience and proposals regarding criminal justice reform. For ten years FCWPP has worked for humane solu-

tions to criminal justice problems at the state legislative level and pursued other relevant activities. Hear brief reports on FCWPP's legislative work and new efforts supporting Restorative Justice. Share experiences, thoughts and proposals regarding criminal justice issues. Bring a brownbag lunch. 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at East Side Friends Meeting, 4160 158<sup>th</sup> Ave., Bellevue. Directions: [www.quaker.org/eastside/](http://www.quaker.org/eastside/) Info: Tom Ewell, [tewell@whidbey.com](mailto:tewell@whidbey.com) (360) 341-1457.

**Sat June 18 (and the third Saturday of each month): Gather at the NW Detention Center in Tacoma to protect immigrant rights:** Bridges Not Walls invites you to participate in a vigil at the Northwest Detention Center, which was built on a superfund toxic waste site on the tidelands east of downtown Tacoma. The NWDC houses up to 1500 detainees and is run by GEO Group, a profit-making corporation that consumes \$150,000 of taxpayers' taxes each night that it's full. Prisons and detention centers are a bizarre growth industry in the US! Come bring coffee and food to support families that are visiting their locked-up loved ones and protest a failed immigration policy. Meet at the Olympia-Rafah Solidarity Mural at Capitol Way and State Ave for a carpool that leaves at 11:00 a.m. You will return to Oly by around 5 p.m. Info: [bridgesnotwalls@riseup.net](mailto:bridgesnotwalls@riseup.net) or (503) 970-3399 by Friday for more information on what to bring (and what not to bring).

**Sat June 18: Washington Public Campaigns 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Banquet supporting campaign finance reform:** Olympia's Monica Hoover will be honored as Volunteer of the Year. The guest speaker will be Norman Goldman of the eponymous radio program. Enjoy 6:00 pm social hour and raffle with 7:00 dinner and program at the Jerry M. Brockey Center, South Seattle Community College, 6000 16th Ave. SW, Seattle (near the east side of West Seattle). Tickets \$50 per person through June 3<sup>rd</sup>, \$55 per person after June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Order tickets and dinner options online at [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/172686](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/172686) or mail a check payable to WPCEF to Washington Public Campaigns, PO Box 70452, Seattle WA 98127. Info and RSVP: [banquet2011@washclean.org](mailto:banquet2011@washclean.org) or (206) 283-6297.

**Sat June 18: Politically oriented folk music concert by Jim Page with Fast Rattler:** Jim Page



is a long-time Northwest favorite. Bonnie Raitt said, "Jim's been writing great topical songs for as long as I can remember, bringing his acute wit and wry humor to a host of subjects that can really use both. In the tradition of Woody and Dylan, he cuts right to the heart

with music you actually enjoy listening to. I'm a longtime admirer." Tonight's concert includes the Portland group **Fast Rattler**, which started with the discovery of an old song book of Utah Phillips songs called "Starlight On The Rails." Brendan Phillips, Utah's son, made the discovery on a trip home to Spokane and started to learn how to play all these old songs. Drawn to the many songs he had never heard his father perform, Brendan quickly assembled a cadre of musicians to ac-

range music for these old forgotten gems. For more than 5 years, Fast Rattler has been playing shows and putting these songs back to work. \$12 regular, \$8 student or low income. 8:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW, Olympia.

**Sat-Sun June 18-19: Global Days of Listening:** Four times a year – near the solstices and equinoxes – people in Olympia and around the world connect through technology for 24-hour around-the-clock conversations with each other about their yearnings and efforts for peace. These quarterly Global Days of Listening include young people in Afghanistan and people of all ages in many other countries, including countries that are being attacked and occupied, as well as in the U.S. and other countries that are responsible for the violence. Please join us from 5 pm Sat. June 18 through 5 pm Sun. June 19. You may participate in several ways. Hear the whole broadcast (5 pm Saturday to 5 pm Sunday) on the internet at [www.livestream.com/daysoflistening](http://www.livestream.com/daysoflistening) or come to a local “Listening Post” in the Olympia area: **Session ONE will run from 5 pm to 12 midnight** (Pacific Daylight Time) at Dennis Mill's home at 804 Narnia Lane NW, Olympia, WA 98502. **Session TWO** will run Sunday morning from 12 midnight to 9 am at Traditions Cafe, 300 5th Ave SW, Olympia. **Session THREE** will run on Sunday from 9 am to 5 pm at the Chaudhry home at 2420 Angela St. SE, Lacey. The event website [www.globaldaysoflistening.org](http://www.globaldaysoflistening.org) offers information about how to call in or otherwise participate.

**Sun June 19: WashPIRG's Activist Organizing Workshop is open to all:** Strengthen your knowledge and skills in the best techniques for organizing your neighbors to take action and for persuading your local media to cover the issues you care about. If possible, please donate \$10 to cover costs of training, materials, staff and food. Washington Public Interest Group (WashPIRG) holds this in downtown Seattle, 1 to 4 pm. Info: [jmiller@publicinterestnetwork.org](mailto:jmiller@publicinterestnetwork.org)

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the Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space, [www.space4peace.org](http://www.space4peace.org). Learn about the militarization of space and organize to stop it.

**June 17-19: Raytheon, Missile Offense & Endless War: 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Space Organizing Conference in North Andover, Massachusetts** is organized by

**Mon-Fri June 20-24: 40-hour Professional Mediation Training:** You can learn powerful skills for helping people to solve conflicts in a healthy way. You can use these skills at home, at work or as a volunteer for the Dispute Resolution Center of Thurston County (DRC). The DRC offers its 40-hour Mediation Training from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm each day this week for \$625. Pre-register now. Info: 956-1155 and [www.mediatethurston.org](http://www.mediatethurston.org) The next 40-hour training will occur in mid-October.

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**Thurs June 23: Community Supported Agriculture:** Several local CSA farmers will talk about the social, economic and environmental benefits of this increasingly popular way to raise

and distribute food. 6:30 pm social time, 7:00 pm presentation and discussion. Thurston County Courthouse, Bldg. 1, Room 280, 2000 Lakeridge Dr. SW, Olympia.

**Sat June 25 to Thurs June 30: Encore screenings of the new documentary “I Am”** – Examine the reasons behind the world’s problems and explore how to solve them. The documentary offers a persistent and humane urgency and authenticity. It includes interviews Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Noam Chomsky, Thom Hartmann, Lynne McTaggart, David Suzuki, and the late Howard Zinn. (2010, US, 76 minutes) Sat. June 25 at 9 pm, Sun. June 26 at 5 pm, Mon. June 27 at 6:30 pm, Tue. June 28 at 9 pm, Wed. June 29 at 6:30 pm, Thur. June 30 at 4 pm & 9 pm.

**Sun June 26: 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 and info: Robert Lovitt 357-2825 [ssbpf@comcast.net](mailto:ssbpf@comcast.net) [www.ssbpf.org](http://www.ssbpf.org)

**Sun June 26: Bridges Not Walls works on immigration issues in humane ways:** See description for Sunday June 12 above. Meet at 4:00 pm today at the Mason County Literacy office in downtown Shelton. The carpool from Olympia will leave promptly at 3:15 pm from the Olympia-Rafah Solidarity Mural (corner of State Ave and Capitol Way in downtown Olympia). Info: 943-8642



**FOR Mon June 27: Death penalty abolition committee of Olympia FOR meets** to educate ourselves and work on further activities to abolish that atrocity. 7 pm in Tumwater. See many informative resources about this on the death penalty page of Olympia FOR's website, [www.olympiafor.org/death\\_penalty.htm](http://www.olympiafor.org/death_penalty.htm) Information: Emily Hammargren 352-0695 [deathpenalty@olympiafor.org](mailto:deathpenalty@olympiafor.org)

**FOR Fri-Mon July 1-4: FOR's 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual conference at Seabeck in Kitsap County – "Toward a Fair, Sustainable Global Economy"** will feature Sara van Gelder (Editor of *Yes! Magazine*) as our keynote speaker. Enjoy an informative and inspiring weekend with 200+ FOR folks of all ages. Special programs for children and young people. Info: p. 7 of this newsletter and the Western Washington FOR office (206) 789-5565 [wwfor@wwfor.org](mailto:wwfor@wwfor.org)



**Sat July 2 to Wed July 6: Friendly Water for the World - Biosand Filters Project Training:** Help provide safe drinking water to poor countries. Friendly Water for the World, a non-profit organization associated with Olympia Friends Meeting (Quakers), promotes the use of biosand water filters, a low-cost, appropriate, household technology that can remove up to 99% of bacteria and viruses from drinking water. Friendly Water currently has projects in Kenya, India, and Burundi, and is expanding. Training will occur five full days at the new Olympia

Friends Meeting House, 3201 Boston Harbor Rd NE, Olympia. Space is limited, so sign up now. Info: David Albert (360) 918-3642 and [www.friendlywaterfortheworld.com](http://www.friendlywaterfortheworld.com)

**FOR Sun July 3: Watch the documentary "Aftermath: The Remnants of War." Olympia FOR's July "Big Picture" documentary debuts tonight:** Watch it at 10:00 pm every Sunday night and 10:00 pm every Thursday evening immediately after our interview program on TCTV cable channel 22 in Thurston County. See page 5. Info: Carol 866-7645 [carolburns98@comcast.net](mailto:carolburns98@comcast.net)

**FOR Mon July 4: Olympia FOR's July TCTV program debuts tonight:** The topic will be confirmed by mid-June. Watch it every Thursday at 9:00 pm and every Monday at 1:30 pm on TCTV cable channel 22 in Thurston County. See newsletter page 4. Info: Glen 491-9093 [glen@olympiafor.org](mailto:glen@olympiafor.org)

**FOR Tues July 5: Olympia FOR's book discussion group about moving from war to peace:** 7:00 pm at Chuck Schultz's home, 1621 Tullis NE (a little north of San Francisco Street Bakery). Info about books and discussions

for tonight and in future months: Chuck at 705-8520 [chuck-schultz3@msn.com](mailto:chuck-schultz3@msn.com)

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**Sun July 10: PFLAG monthly gathering:** 2:00 to 4:30 pm at First United Methodist Church, 1224 Legion Way SE. PFLAG works with GLBTQ folks and their families and friends – and reaches out to the general public to improve society's understanding and inclusiveness. Today's gathering includes a movie. Info: Alec Clayton [alec@alecclayton.com](mailto:alec@alecclayton.com)

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**Sat-Sun July 23-24: Treasure and Bake Sale to benefit the League of Woman Voters of Thurston County:** Donate items in advance. Come and buy to support this great local organization that supports meaningful democracy. It's at the home of Bob and Bonnie Jacobs, 720 Governor Stevens Ave, Olympia. Great stuff at low prices! Info: Fran Williams 357-3334 [franwil@comcast.net](mailto:franwil@comcast.net)

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**FOR Sat July 30 (tentative date): Western Washington FOR Area Committee meeting:** Everyone is welcome to attend this quarterly meeting of WWFOR's governing & networking board, the Area Committee. 10 am to 3:30 pm. Info: 206-789-5565 [wwfor@wwfor.org](mailto:wwfor@wwfor.org). Info and carpooling from Olympia: [glen@olympiafor.org](mailto:glen@olympiafor.org) 491-9093

**Sat-Sun July 30-31: Ethnic Fest in Tacoma:** Gather with thousands of people of all races and nationalities for this two-day festival of international music, dance, and food. Plenty of information booths too! The Olympia FOR's Committee for Alternatives to the Death Penalty will set up our information booth again this year, and we'll invite people to play our "Fishing for Justice" game. It occurs in Wright Park, north of downtown Tacoma, from 12 noon to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Info: [www.metroparkstacoma.org](http://www.metroparkstacoma.org) or [glen@olympiafor.org](mailto:glen@olympiafor.org) (360) 491-9093

**Sat Aug 13: Bon Odori – Traditional Japanese mid-summer festival:** The Olympia FOR is looking for people to organize the peace lantern floating at the end of this afternoon-and-evening event that features Japanese music, dancing and food. Kristen Dahle organized our peace lantern floating for about 20 years and can convey the information and materials to other dedicated folks to carry on. Contact her at 357-3553 [kjdahle@comcast.net](mailto:kjdahle@comcast.net) The overall Bon Odori is organized by two Olympia-based groups, the local Japanese Americans Citizens' League (JACL) and the Olympia Kato Sister Cities Association (OKSCA). More info: JACL (Reiko Callner 791-3295 [jcallner@comcast.net](mailto:jcallner@comcast.net)) or OKSCA (Allen Miller 754-9156 [allen@atmlawoffice.com](mailto:allen@atmlawoffice.com))

Wendell Berry wrote:

"Rats and roaches live by competition under the law of supply and demand. It is the privilege of human beings to live under the laws of justice and mercy."

Sen. Richard Russell, Chairman of the U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee, said this more than 35 years ago:

"There is something about preparing for destruction that causes men to be more careless in spending money than they would if they were building for constructive purposes. Why this is, I do not know; but I have observed over a period of almost thirty years in the Senate that there is something about buying arms with which to kill, to destroy, to wipe out cities, and to obliterate great transportation systems which causes men not to reckon the dollar cost as close as they do when they think about proper housing and the care of the health of human beings."

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