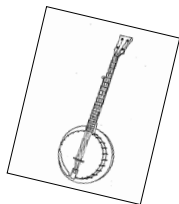




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TOM RAWSON'S FOLK MUSIC CONCERT TO BENEFIT OLYMPIA FOR SATURDAY MARCH 7



Tom Rawson – a banjo-playing, crowd-delighting folksinger – performs **songs of peace, social justice and just plain fun** on **Saturday, March 7**, at 7:30 p.m. at **Traditions Café** at the corner of 5th 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."

Admission to Rawson's performance, a benefit for the Olympia chapter of the Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR), is based on a self-determined sliding scale donation of \$10-\$25.

We encourage buying tickets in advance either from **Traditions Fair Trade**, 5th & Water SW, Olympia, or from the Olympia FOR. To buy tickets by mail, please send checks payable to **Olympia FOR** to 5015 15th Avenue SE, Lacey, WA 98503-2723.

The Olympia FOR (www.olyfor.org) has been active since 1976. It is the local chapter of a 93-year-old nationwide (www.forusa.org) and international (www.ifor.org) pacifist organization that has opposed every war since World War I. While working for peace in foreign relations, the FOR has simultaneously worked for nonviolence and social justice throughout society. For more information contact Glen Anderson at (360) 491-9093 or info@olyfor.org

MORE ARTICLES AND CALENDAR ITEMS ON OUR WEBSITE



Starting soon, the Olympia FOR's website, www.olyfor.org, will contain additional articles, calendar items, and other information that did not fit into this newsletter.

To give you more timely information, our website will also post news, calendar items, and other information that arise between publications of our bi-monthly newsletter. It already includes several recent newsletters as .pdf documents and some feature articles from past issues.



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

OLYMPIA FOR LISTENS AND RESPONDS

The Olympia FOR is half way through our year-long effort to evaluate our activities and plan for the future. This ear-to-the-ground effort included our people's participation in a Planning Retreat and a printed Fall Survey near the end of 2008. Our Steering Committee is analyzing the results and figuring out how to move ahead. Look for more news and progress into this summer. (Yes, summer will arrive eventually!)

Already, this newsletter issue is improved because of some of your comments in the Fall Survey. For example, we have changed to a font that looks bigger and easier to read. We will improve the appearance in additional ways. Although the newsletter is published only every two months, we will update the website more often, especially with fresh Calendar items, News-Resources-Opportunities (the series of one-paragraph announcements), and other articles between newsletter publication dates.

The Fall Survey showed that many people don't read our newsletter's long Out-of-Town Calendar, so we are reducing the number of out-of-town listings in our newsletter and listing the few most important ones in the newsletter's regular Calendar section. However, in order to give you even more information and options, we will offer plenty of out-of-town listings in the Calendar we provide on our website, www.olyfor.org.

Also, and we will update our website's Calendar more often, so you won't need to wait until the next newsletter to learn about late-breaking events. Please check our website, www.olyfor.org for new listings of Calendar items and other information.

In the Fall Survey several persons expressed disappointment with the times when our "Big Picture" documentary series airs on TCTV. While Sunday nights at 10 p.m. and the wee hours of some mornings are unusual times, these odd times are necessary for several reasons. Our "Big Picture" documentaries are of widely varying lengths (some 30 minutes, some 1 hour, some 90 minutes, and some other lengths), so it would not be possible to schedule them during daytime or primetime hours without either disrupting the programs scheduled immediately afterward or leaving blocks of dead air. Therefore, TCTV schedules our "Big Picture" documentaries at times that can accommodate their odd and varying lengths.

Also, TCTV has a strong passion for programs that local grassroots folks produce locally (such as the 1-hour interview programs we produce in the TCTV studio), so TCTV gives the best air times for these locally produced programs rather than "imported" programs that were produced elsewhere. If you're not awake when our "Big Picture" documentaries air on cable channel 22, you might want to set your VCR or DVD player to record them and watch them at your convenience.

In response to Fall Survey requests, we have made some new signs for our Wednesday and Friday peace vigils, and we will make more in the next few months. We rotate our inventory of signs depending on the weather and other factors, and we always invite you to make your own signs and bring them when you participate.

Our Planning Retreat and Fall Survey showed strong interest in bringing people together face-to-face for occasional meetings and activities that are fun. The Steering Committee is considering how to do this, and we enthusiastically invite your further suggestions and your offers of help. After all, "Fellowship" is our name! **Thanks for keeping in touch!**



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Would You Rather Receive Our Newsletter By E-Mail Instead of On Paper?

Some of our readers have asked us to send their newsletters electronically to their e-mail addresses instead of on paper through the regular mail. The Olympia FOR honors those requests, and we want to offer this option to our entire mailing list. We can send the entire newsletter as a .pdf document that is about 1 or 2 megabytes (MB) in size, and also the separate articles as Word documents. This will let you receive your newsletter a few days earlier than by mail, since you won't need to wait for printing and mailing. It will save the Olympia FOR a few dollars a year in printing costs. If you want this, please ask and provide your preferred e-mail address. In addition, we also post the individual articles and the entire newsletter on our website, www.olyfor.org

BIG PICTURE VIDEOS AT TIMBERLAND LIBRARY by Carol Burns

The Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation has donated to the Timberland Regional Library (TRL) system many videos from the Olympia FOR's "In Search of the Big Picture" video gatherings and "The Big Picture" video series. TRL added 18 significant DVDs about peace and social justice issues in 2008.

A list of those programs will be posted on the OlyFOR website, www.olyfor.org. Glen Anderson or I can email you the list with my description of the programs. Query me at carolburns98@comcast.net.

You can then use the Timberland library system to reserve DVDs or VHS tapes. Go to www.timberland.lib.wa.us. Then search by title. You can also select "series begins with" and type in "In search of the big picture." Programs donated before 2008 are listed, but not all of our more recent donations are cataloged within the series, and they do not include complete descriptions.

I want to call your attention to the video "LAST BEST CHANCE," which was donated to us, but without permission to air it on TV. It's a 45 minute docudrama produced by HBO that illustrates the threat posed by vulnerable nuclear weapons and materials around the world. It's fiction, but based on facts.

You can also get two locally produced documentaries: "KNOW OUR PEOPLE" about the Thurston/Santo Tomas Sister County Association and "PEACETREES VIETNAM" about a project that cleared land-mines and planted trees in an area near the former "de-militarized zone" (DMZ) in Vietnam.

Additional DVDs will be added to the collection soon.

Carol also donated some VHS videotapes to the lending library at Traditions Fair Trade, 300 5th Ave SW, in downtown Olympia. Traditions' library has additional good books, videos, DVDs, etc., to lend. Go and browse the shelves!



SECOND ANNUAL SILENT MEDITATION PEACE WALK by Richard Miles



On Sunday January 18th the South Sound Buddhist Peace Fellowship (www.ssbpf.org) conducted their second annual Silent Meditation Peace Walk in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The walk was performed in the "mindfulness" walking style promoted and practiced by Vietnamese Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh and attracted over 80 participants. The noon hour walk around Capitol Lake started and ended at Marathon park with everyone bundled up for the cold. Starting out with 57 at the park the number increased steadily as people from around the lake joined in as the procession passed them.

This silent walking meditation has been a hallmark of Thich Nhat Hanh's teachings, who believes that to actualize peace we must mindfully include the thought of peace in our every action. His book *Peace is Every Step* is based on this premise. In 1967 Dr. King nominated Thich Nhat Hanh for the Nobel Peace Prize for his unremitting dedication toward peace and non-violence. Since that time, Thich Nhat Hanh has become one of the most beloved Buddhist teachers in the world by helping us resist and transform modern society by offering peaceful practices that are beneficial to people of all cultures and faiths.

Fundamental to the spirit of this walk is that it is only for the promotion of peace without political references or negative connotations. Participants were encouraged to positively generate goodwill in their hearts and wish the same for others. The hour-long walk ended with a group discussion and the promise of continuing this as an annual tradition. The members of the South Sound chapter of the Buddhist Peace Fellowship would like to give sincere thanks to all those who braved the cold to participated in this walk honoring Dr. King and the principles of peace and non-violence.

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 3), 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 (or record) these programs at **10 p.m. every Sunday evening** and **3:30 a.m. every Wednesday and Friday morning** for a full month. Info: Carol 866-7645 carolburns98@comcast.net

FEBRUARY: "A UNION MAN"

"**A Union Man**" is the story of the life of a living legend, Julius Margolin, age 91. He's been active since the 1930s in the CIO, the National Maritime Union, and Local 52 of the International Alliance of Theatrical and Stage Employees. Julius embarked on a new career in 1999, making music and CDs with George Mann while still hitting picket lines and organizing workers in New York and around the United States. The film includes guest appearances by Utah Phillips, Faith Petric and former NMU Vice President Joe Stack, as well as concert performances. It's an affectionate portrait of a rank-and-file activist still fighting for justice in his tenth decade on this planet. (2008, 56 minutes, www.aunionman.com)

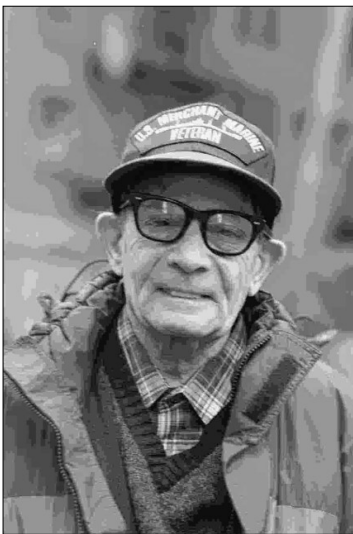


MARCH: 2 VIDEOS ABOUT WOMEN & PRISON

"**Voices in Time**" is a window into the lives of women who have served time in prison. In emotionally charged interviews, women share their experiences before, in, and after prison. They examine the relationship between the prison system and poor communities and communities of color. (36 Minutes)

"**What We Leave Behind**" -- Women former prisoners use personal stories, poetry, group discussions and on-the-street interviews to analyze the issues of women in prison and the impacts on their children. (21 minutes)

Both "Big Picture" videos for March are from Chicago based Beyond Media Education, www.beyondmedia.org



Julius Margolin

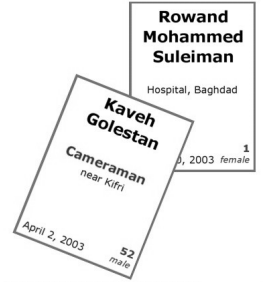


What We Leave Behind



NEWS - RESOURCES - OPPORTUNITIES

Iraq Memorial to Life: A powerful visual image of gravestones will be erected in Olympia on March 19 to mark the anniversary of the US attack on Baghdad. Special guests will join us to launch the project on the evening of the 19th, at Heritage Park. Then markers will be shipped to Washington DC for a collective display on the National Mall tentatively scheduled for April 19 through May 3. Thousands of memorial markers, carefully arranged, will powerfully show the American public the extent of Iraqi deaths. The grieving that has long been a daily part of Iraqi life will be memorialized in our town, and spread outward, community by community, as the display moves across the country. Reactions to both regional and national displays will bring attention to the human suffering caused by the Iraq war. **Please help build this memorial for the American public to see. IMtL encourage volunteers, peace groups, and religious groups to take the lead in creating the local display. Complete instructions on how to make and mail the markers can be found at www.IraqMemorialtoLife.org.** IMtL asks \$5 or more for each marker to help cover costs, both locally and in the larger display in DC. The national Fellowship of Reconciliation was the first sponsor and serves as fiscal agent for IMtL. Additional national sponsors include the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, Veterans for Peace, and the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC). Info: www.iraqmemorialtolife.org. Kerri Griffis kerrigriffis@yahoo.com can help you with a marker making sessions. Send questions to peace@iraqmemorialtolife.org



Obama Administration invites your comments: How nice to have a presidential administration that listens to us! Tell them what you think! The Obama Administration has created a website where you can leave comments: www.whitehouse.gov/contact

Hold Obama to his pledge: All US troops out of Iraq by May 20, 2010: President Obama pledged to have all US troops out of Iraq in 16 months. That means the last soldier should be gone by May 20, 2010 - 5/20/10. The American Friends Service Committee (a Quaker-based peace & justice organization) has started a countdown to help Obama keep his promise. (And AFSC does not want them shifted to Afghanistan!) AFSC invites all of us to sign a pledge to contact the Obama Administration and our members of Congress with a personal message on the 20th day of every month until there has been total withdrawal from Iraq - and from Afghanistan - or until 5/20/10. To make it easier, AFSC can e-mail a monthly reminder to each of us with where to send our messages. See www.countdowntowithdrawal.org More info: Laurie Creasy, www.afsc.org



Bring the National Guard Home! A nationwide organizing campaign launched on January 21 is picking up steam. Many nationwide sponsors include AfterDowningStreet.org, Cities for Peace, CODEPINK, Courage to Resist, Iraq Veterans Against the War, Liberty Tree, Military Families Speak Out, Peace Action, Progressive Democrats of America, United for Peace and Justice, Veterans for Peace, U.S. Labor Against the War. State-level campaigns exist in 17 states, but not Washington. Info: www.BringTheGuardHome.org or (608) 257-1606

The World March for Peace will have a Pacific Northwest Convergence: Watch a good introduction to the March's general concept on www.youtube.com. March will come down the I-5 corridor from Vancouver BC through Washington, Oregon, and California. Pacific NW developments are shown at www.ourtragicflaw.com Info: Parke Burgess (253) 627-3007

Now is the time to close the Army's School of the Americas: The U.S. Army's notorious "School of the Americas" (often called the "School of Assassins" and now re-named with the abbreviation WHINSEC) at Fort Benning, Georgia, has trained Latin American military thugs, death squad leaders, and human rights abusers for decades. A growing movement to close it down is excited at new possibilities with Obama and a somewhat more

NEWS - RESOURCES - OPPORTUNITIES (cont.)

peace-oriented Congress. The leading organization, SOA Watch, and 16 partner organizations held an official meeting with 5 members of President Obama's transition team on December 16. Now is the time to raise pressure to close SOA/WHINSEC. Info: www.soaw.org

Nonviolence training – “Creating a Culture of Peace” - This high quality 21-hour training in the theory and practice of nonviolence will be offered in Olympia from Friday morning June 26 through Sunday evening June 28. The national FOR designed the curriculum, tapping decades of work by many activists and trainers. More than 50 local persons have taken this training. Curious? Contact co-facilitator Dave Bellefeuille-Rice at 360-943-6264, dbrkbr@gmail.com, and look for details in the Olympia FOR's April-May newsletter and at www.olyfor.org this spring.

Urge Lacey City Council to let churches welcome homeless encampments: The City of Olympia quickly figured out that Olympia's churches could make workable and satisfying arrangements with Camp Quixote, the democratically run and highly successful homeless encampment, to stay on church properties. Lacey's City Council, however, has prohibited them from staying outside on church properties in Lacey. Please contact the Lacey City Council at 491-3214 and urge them to change their ordinance to allow Lacey's churches and Camp Quixote to work out the arrangements without unreasonable city interference.

The Thurston Climate Action Team creates local opportunities for you: Join an eco-team of 4 to 6 households to support each other as you reduce your carbon footprints. Many practical solutions are possible. Also consider David Gershon's book, *The Low-Carbon Diet* as a resource. See our Calendar for the Mon March 2 Global Warming Cafe at the Thurston County Courthouse. Info: Janet Jordan janetjordan@fastmail.fm

Protect local immigrants from ICE raids and other federal abuse: In the past 18 months, more than 100 individuals in the South Puget Sound area have been arrested by the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency – in raids in their homes or workplaces, or even while buying groceries. While ICE claims that it is rounding up criminal aliens, it is in fact terrorizing immigrant communities and separating thousands of families across the country. A local organization, Bridges Not Walls, is working to protect their rights and to change the US's unjust and inhumane immigration policy. See the Calendar for a Fri Feb 20 fundraiser for local families that have been harmed by recent ICE raids and arrests. Info: www.oly-wa.us/bridges

Need volunteers for low-income people's legal services: Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services needs a volunteer administrator every Friday morning from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Thurston County Courthouse Building 2 to assist volunteer attorneys representing low income clients in unlawful detainer actions. They particularly need volunteers from now until the end of April. Their regular volunteer will be more available again after the end of legislative session. Could you help with any of those Fridays? This differs from clinic administration, as it is often done in the courthouse hallway with some time constraints, because clients might not show up until just before their calendar is called. It can be exciting – and sometimes you see positive results the same morning. Contact Bruce Conklin at tcvlegal@hotmail.com



2009 calendars feature beautiful multi-faith images: For only \$15 you can enjoy an artistically beautiful calendar featuring lots of dates and information about many religions' holy days and seasons. Interfaith Works of Thurston County, (360) 357-7224 www.interfaith-works.org

WHAT WOULD KING TELL OBAMA? - by Michael Honey



What would Martin Luther King, Jr., whose birthday we celebrated on January nineteenth, say to Barack Obama, inaugurated as President of the United States on January twentieth?

King thought in terms of progressive phases of history. He saw phase one of the American freedom movement as the struggle for legal integration, equal opportunity, and full voting rights. That struggle was most intense between 1955 and 1965, crowned by the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. This is what most people think of when they think of King.

After that, King demanded a phase two, which he defined as a struggle for economic equality ... that the playing field should be leveled up somewhat for poor and working people. "Something is wrong with capitalism as it now stands in the United States," he said. "It takes necessities from the masses to give luxuries to the classes."

In phase two, King sought remedies for capitalism's defects. He launched his Poor Peoples Campaign demanding that government divert funds being spent for war to education, housing, and jobs. King also went to Memphis to support a strike of sanitation workers for the right to have a union. King, saying, "all labor has dignity," supported unionization as a portal to a decent life.

In phase two, King also vigorously challenged America's militarist foreign policy. He saw the slaughter of millions in Indochina and regretfully condemned his country as "the greatest purveyor of violence in the world today." Guns and bombs would never create security for anyone; violent means would only produce violent ends. The massacre in Gaza and the rockets hitting Israel today will undoubtedly demonstrate the truth of that insight once again.

Today, King would urge Obama to continue building a broad consensus for change, to pass new labor laws to help workers organize unions, to gain health care for all, and to put America back to work. ... King sought tangible gains for people, not pie in the sky.

But King would go further. He wanted a new kind of society based on love and justice. He wanted America to undertake a moral revolution to replace self-seeking individualism with concern for the common good. He said racism, poverty, and war are intertwined problems that can only be resolved together.

King wanted a larger agenda and a better kind of world. To put America to work, to overcome systemic racial and other forms of inequality, to study war no more: that agenda would constitute a politics of hope worthy of the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.



Michael Honey is author of *Going Down Jericho Road: The Memphis Strike, Martin Luther King's Last Campaign* (W.W. Norton) and Haley Professor of Humanities at the University of Washington, Tacoma. This was posted at www.ufppc.org/content/view/8302, the website of United for Peace – Pierce County

DEATH PENALTY UPDATES

WA State Might Execute Several This Spring! More Controversy over Unworkable Death Penalty

Three Cases:

1. The US Supreme Court recently considered whether to hear Cal Brown's case or let it roll on toward an execution, very likely on March 13.
2. Dwayne Woods, who has been represented by two very good lawyers, recently told his federal judge in writing that he wants to drop his appeals. If he doesn't change his mind before an upcoming hearing, he also could have an execution date set very soon.
3. The Washington Supreme Court is taking longer than expected to rule on a matter in Darold Stenson's case. His execution remains stayed pending DNA tests.

Lethal Injections:

Dr. Marc Stern, the top doctor at the Washington State Department of Corrections (DOC), recently resigned because lethal injection violates the ethics of the medical profession. Also, there is concern that DOC might be breaking drug laws by obtaining these drugs for killing people.

FOR's Death Penalty Abolition Committee:

The Olympia FOR's Committee for Alternatives to the Death Penalty continues to meet monthly (typically on a Tuesday near the end of the month) at a convenient downtown location. (See Calendar items for Tues Feb 24 and Tues March 24.) We educate ourselves, conduct outreach to the community, and collaborate with the Washington Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty (WCADP). Local info: Rozanne or Chuck, 705-8520 rozannerants@yahoo.com chuckschultz3@msn.com
More info: Washington Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty (WCADP), PO Box 3045, Seattle WA 98114-3045 (206) 622-8952 www.abolishdeathpenalty.org

OLYMPIA FOR'S HOLIDAY PEACE VIGIL

A Bright & Shining Moment - by Chris Carson - on behalf of the Olympia FOR Steering Committee

The 33rd Annual Holiday Peace Vigil held on Saturday December 20 at Percival Landing was yet another bright and shining moment in the heart of downtown Olympia. As snowflakes began to fall, people of all ages and walks of life holding signs proclaiming peace could be seen for about two blocks on both sides of the street.

Many passersby in vehicles walking smiled, waved, honked, flashed peace signs, rolled down their windows, and cheered with joy in a statement of active support for this beloved vigil and its message.

Thanks to all who came to stand for peace and those who gave pause in their busy holiday scurry to think of the essence of the season and its message of peace.

Thanks to the Family Support Center, which yet again opened their building and the Gladys Burns Memorial Room for our cozy after-vigil get-together. (Gladys vigiled with us from 1976 onward for many years, and even after her passing she still supports our vigil in this special way.)

Thanks to the San Francisco Street Bakery, which donated baked goods, to the Olympia Food Co-Op for their in-kind donation of yummy wholesome foods, to the Olympia FOR's Steering Committee and supporters for organizing and pulling together all the threads that weave this living tapestry of thought and hope into action. Thanks to the members of the Olympia FOR Holiday Peace Vigil Soup Brigade for yet again bringing crock pots of much appreciated tasty hot soups.

Have a crock pot or access to one? Want to join the Soup Brigade for Peace? Give us a call at (360) 943-2375. Let us know your name and phone number and we'll add you to our soup list.

In love and peace we hope you all had a joyful holiday season, with an even better New Year! The very best to one and all!

Former US Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun:

From this day forward, I no longer shall tinker with the machinery of death...I feel morally and intellectually obligated simply to concede that the death penalty experiment has failed. It is virtually self-evident to me now that no combination of procedural rules or substantive regulations ever can save the death penalty from its inherent constitutional deficiencies.

SEIZE THE MOMENT: GRASSROOTS ORGANIZING FOR A REVOLUTION OF RISING EXPECTATIONS - by Glen Anderson

Across the U.S. and around the world, people are heaving a sigh of relief now that Bush is out of power, and people have been captivated by Barack Obama's rhetoric and new possibilities. But – as the readers of this article know – it's not enough to sit back and wait for him or the new Congress to solve our problems. The political world does not work that way! Real change requires organizing at the grassroots to move public opinion, which in turn can move the people who hold the official power.



Despite Obama's rhetoric, he is basically a centrist, and – while he might know that more progressive solutions are needed – he is NOT inclined to move ahead of where it is politically safe to go. Let's remember the story of President Franklin Roosevelt, who was visited by a progressive organizer urging FDR to adopt some radically new policies. Roosevelt listened carefully, said that he agreed, and told his visitor something like, "No go out and make me do it." FDR knew that he could not stick his neck out without broad public support, but that with strong public pressure he would be politically safe in adopting the radical new policies.

Let's also remember that the vast majority of Congress members are the same persons who had served in the past few Congresses, which notoriously failed to stand up for peace when Bush wanted war, failed to protect the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, and failed to protect the broad public interest in countless other ways. Congress will not reverse its worst failures – let alone stake out a positive new course toward progressive policies – unless the broad grassroots public demands it.

History shows that people who have long been kept down in despair can rise up when they see a new glimmer of hope – a new possibility to cast off the oppressive past and create a new beginning. Historians have called this phenomenon the "revolution of rising expectations."

The U.S. Civil Rights Movement built upon a few early successes, such as the 1954 *Brown v. Board of Education* victory when the U.S. Supreme Court ordered an end to racially segregated schools, followed by the 1955-1956 Montgomery Bus Boycott and the 1957 integration of a high school in Little Rock, Arkansas. Each early success inspired people to see the possibilities of further successes. Movement organizers strategized, trained and organized to accomplish an astonishing number of successes by 1968.

Many public opinion polls have been showing that the public wants more progressive policies than centrist Obama or his appointees have advocated. The public is delighted to have a smart, articulate president who can inspire people with rhetoric, but the American people are actually more progressive than Obama on issue after issue after issue.

Despite the global and economic crises we are facing, the American people – and other grassroots people around the world – are feeling that new directions are possible. The time is right for a "revolution of rising expectations."

But this revolution – like any revolution – will not come from the government. It can come only from the people at the grassroots!

- After having reacted to the Bush/Cheney regimes abuses in a reactive way, now is the time to become proactive!
- Now is the time for people to organize for new directions – what we want, not just what we don't want!
- Now is the time to set long-term goals and incremental objectives – and to devise strategies!
- Now is the time to reach out to potential allies throughout society – and to the public's political middle – and invite them into our movements for peace, social justice, economic justice, environmental sustainability, and human rights.

Now – while the American people and other people around the world – are eager for "CHANGE" – let us seize this current moment and organize a "revolution of rising expectations" that will move us ahead toward our goals for a society and a world that serve human needs, provide social and economic justice, care for the environment, and deliver peace.

CALENDAR

FOR-sponsored events have a ♦ before them.



These TCTV programs use cable channel 22 in Thurston County.

The events on this page are ongoing and occur every week.

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♦ Every Sunday evening at 10 pm AND every Monday and Wednesday morning at 3:30 am: The Olympia FOR's "Big Picture" documentary videos on TCTV. FEB: "A Union Man" MARCH: Two Videos About Women and Prison. See article on page 5. Info: Carol 866-7645 carolburns98@comcast.net

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

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



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

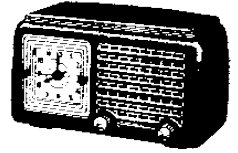
♦ Every Monday from 1:30 to 2:30 pm: Olympia FOR's TCTV Program: FEB: "A Tapestry of Faiths: Interfaith Appreciation Through the Arts" MARCH: "Re-Thinking the Whole Economy" See page 3 or www.olyfor.org

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

Every Wednesday from 9:00 to 10:00 pm and every Thursday at 9:30 am: Veterans for Peace airs a locally produced program on TCTV. Info: Robert Poteat (360) 880-4226 rpoteat@hotmail.com



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



♦ Every Thursday from 9:00 to 10:00 pm: Olympia FOR's TCTV Program: FEB: "A Tapestry of Faiths: Interfaith Appreciation Through the Arts" MARCH: "Re-Thinking the Whole Economy" See page 3 or www.olyfor.org

♦ 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. Sponsor: Olympia FOR. Info: 491-9093 info@olyfor.org

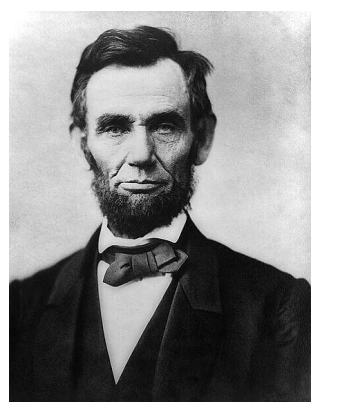
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♦ Every Saturday: Peace Vigil in Centralia: 12 noon to 1 pm on the edge of Washington Park at Locust & Pearl in downtown Centralia. Sponsor: Fire Mountain FOR. Info: June Butler 360-748-9658 or Larry Kerschner peacepoet@gmail.com

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"As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master. This expresses my idea of democracy. Whatever differs from this, to the extent of the difference, is no democracy."
-August 1, 1858





Thurs Feb 5: Olympia Town Hall Meeting: How do we as a community communicate on important issues? What's missing? Enjoy a thoughtful and creative discussion of how to improve democracy by stimulating more effective community discussions. 7:00 pm at Traditions Cafe, 5th & Water. Info: Terry Zander 943-6109 tezzzer1.tz@gmail.com

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Mon Feb 9: Quaker Lobby Day addresses criminal justice issues at State Legislature: The Friends Committee on Washington Public Policy (FCWPP) will work on important issues related to criminal justice from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm today. Other persons who share the Quakers' just and compassionate approach might want to help. The US imprisons more people than any other country in the world. FCWPP's priorities are post-secondary education, sentencing reform, and voting rights for ex-felons. The day will begin at the Olympia Friends Meeting House, 219 B Street, Tumwater, just west of I-5 near the brewery. Learn from our from guest experts and organizers about the best practices in working with our representatives; learn about ; and share lunch together before going to the Capitol to meet with our individual legislators. At the end of the day we'll gather to compare notes. Participation in FCWPP's lobby day is free. Register with Sandy Harold sharold@rockisland.com or get more info from Carol Estes (redtuffy@embarqmail.com), Tom Ewell (tewell@whidbey.com, 360-341-1457)

Mon Feb 9: Can Olympia be as sustainable as Montpelier, Vermont? Michael Mucha, Olympia's City Engineer, will present the Capitol City Challenge, in which the capital cities of Montpelier VT and Olympia WA have agreed to support each other in becoming the two most sustainable capital cities in the nation. They will share ideas, report progress, and celebrate milestones together. Also hear Beth Doglio's latest update on climate action bills in the state legislature. 7-9



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Tues Feb 10: Restorative Justice – Introductory class: What does justice require in response to crime? Our current system asks, "What law was broken? Who did it? What punishment do they deserve?" However, this does nothing to repair the harm and may even cause more harm. "Restorative Justice" is a new and constructive way to think about justice and to meet the needs of all concerned. Learn from Paul McCold, Ph.D., a Quaker Criminologist and internationally recognized researcher, author and presenter. Session 1 is tonight, 7-9 pm at Olympia Unitarian-Universalist Congregation, 2200 East End Street NW, Olympia.

Tues Feb 10: Cindy & Craig Corrie (Rachel's parents) speak on "Gaza: A Human Rights Perspective," 7 pm at King's Books, 218 St. Helens Ave, slightly north of downtown Tacoma. Free. Sponsor: King's Books www.kingsbookstore.com and People for Peace, Justice, and Healing www.tacomapjh.org

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Fri Feb 13: Heartsparkle Players: "Stories of our Heart's Desire" - This month's performance collaborates with the Thunders, an ensemble of young adults who have taken Playback Theatre workshops with the Heartsparkle Players. **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 collaborate with a different local nonprofit group around a different theme. Everyone welcome! A \$5-\$10 donation is requested if you can afford it; nobody is turned away. 7:30 pm at Traditions Cafe, 5th & Water SW, Olympia. Info: Debe 943-6772 debek@olywa.net www.heartsparkle.org

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Thurs Feb 19: Environmental Lobby Day at the State Legislature: Gather at the United Churches, 110 11th Ave SE (corner of Washington SE), Olympia, for information before visiting legislators. No one who attends this

exciting and engaging day goes away unchanged. Participating in the democratic process is joyful and empowering. Please join Earth Ministry staff, many people of faith, and friends of the environment throughout Washington State in Olympia to meet your legislators and support good climate legislation. Your voice will make a difference! The \$15 cost includes an advocacy toolkit and lunch. Registration for Lobby Day at www.pugetsound.org/lobbyday09, or contact Rein Attemann, People For Puget Sound at rattemann@pugetsound.org or (206) 382-7005 x213.

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Fri Feb 20: Landmines information and "Night of 1000 Desserts" - The Minesweepers, a student group at Capital High School, has been working for several



years to educate people, abolish landmines, and help landmines' victims. Enjoy desserts and beverages, watch the short film "Bombies," and enjoy a brief presentation and discussion from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in A Pod at Capital HS in NW Olympia. The event is for all ages, but be aware of some graphic images (the audience will be warned before they appear). Raise money for organizations working to abolish landmines and help victims. Info: Johannah 943-2173 or johannah_verhulst@yahoo.com

Fri Feb 20: Benefit for local immigrant families impacted by ICE raids, arrests and deportations: The US's current immigration policy is broken, unjust, and inhumane. Hear local and California-based immigrant rights activists speak about federal enforcement ac-

tions, the nationwide immigrant rights movement, and how local individuals can help in our own communities. 7:00 pm at St. John's Episcopal Church at 19th & S. Capitol Way, Olympia. Enjoy live traditional music and light refreshments. Suggested donation \$8-\$10, but everyone is welcome. All proceeds go to local families affected by the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency. Sponsored by the local immigrant rights group Bridges Not Walls (www.olywa.us/bridges), with support from the Community Sustaining Fund of Thurston County and the Social Justice Committee of the Olympia Unitarian-Universalist Congregation.

◆**Sat Feb 21: Western Washington FOR Area Committee** meets to provide overall planning and decision-making for our regional FOR activities. All FOR members welcome. 10 am to 4 pm at Tacoma Friends Meeting House on S. 39th St near Tacoma Mall. www.wwfor.org Info and carpooling: Glen 491-9093 glen@olywa.net



Sat Feb 21: Benefit music/dance/comedy show for homeless and needy kids: Entertainment Explosion presents "A Really Big Shoe 3 – Love Makes the World Go 'Round," its third annual benefit show at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts at 7:00 pm Saturday and 2:00 pm Sunday. Tickets \$10.50 and \$12.50 from the Washington Center Box Office, 753-8586. They're also collecting canned food for the Food Bank when you arrive. Info: www.entertainmentexplosion.org

Sun Feb 22: Benefit music/dance/comedy show for homeless and needy kids: Today's performance is 2:00 pm. See info above.

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Fri Feb 27: Have a Heart for Kids Day 2009 brings people together in Olympia to learn about the issues, connect with other advocates, rally on the Capitol steps, and meet with legislators. Have a Heart for Kids Day is the biggest child advocacy day in Olympia! Bring your family, your friends and your co-workers. Kids are welcome! 8:30 am to 3:30 pm in Olympia. Register toll-free at 1-800-584-5437 ext 14 Info: Have a Heart Day Coordinator Gabriela Quintana 1-800-584-5437 ext 14 gabriela@childrensalliance.org



Fri Feb 27: SPEECH Green Pages annual meeting brings environmentalists together: For 18 years the South Puget Sound Environmental Education Clearing House (SPEECH) has networked and activated local folks who care about the environment and want to act locally. Enjoy SPEECH's annual meeting at 6:00 pm at Traditions Cafe, 5th & Water SW, Olympia. Info: 528-9158 speech.greenpages@gmail.com





Fri Feb 27 to Sun March 1: Nuclear weapons opponents (Pacific Life Community) annual conference in Lacey: In the mid-1970s a handful of people gathered in the Pacific NW and began working to stop the Trident nuclear submarine and all nuclear weapons in the Pacific Rim and worldwide, through education, community organizing, and nonviolent direct action. The Pacific Life Community (PLC) will hold its annual conference at the Gwinwood Conference Center in Lacey. Activists from the US, Pacific Ocean islands, and elsewhere who are committed to nonviolence and ending nuclear weapons will gather. Speakers include Motarilavo Hilda Lini (chief of the Turaga nation of Pentecost Island in Vanuatu in the South Pacific, and winner of 2005's Nuclear Free Future Award in 2005); Anabel Dwyer (Board Member of The Lawyers' Committee on Nuclear Policy – LCNP); and Shelley Douglass (co-founder of the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action in Kitsap County, and co-founder of PLC). \$50-100 includes meals. The sliding scale depends on financial ability and whether you need lodging. More info: Alice Zillah (360) 357-7705 or pacificlifecommunity.wordpress.com

Pacific Life Community

Ending Nuclear Weapons and war-making through non-violent direct action.

Sat Feb 28: Thurston-Santo Tomas (Nicaragua) Sister County Association garage sale raises money to support a small public library and a children's free lunch program in our sister community in Nicaragua. TSTSCA's 21-year relationship of solidarity and love is still going strong! 9 am to 3 pm at Lincoln Elementary School's cafeteria, 213 21st Ave SE (near Washington Street), Olympia. Donate in advance (preferably at the school cafeteria between 3:30 and 7 pm on Fri Feb 27) and buy on Sat Feb 28. Info & volunteer opportunities: 943-5432 or susan@kavanaugh.com

Sat Feb 28: Book~Brownies~Beans fundraiser for *Out of the Woods* emergency shelter for homeless families will run from 10 am to 3 pm at the Olympia Unitarian Universalist Church, 2200 East End NW, Olympia. (From W Harrison go north on Division, west on 20th, and north on East End Street.) You'll find great bargains at this huge sale of used books, CDs, DVDs and videos (no cassette tapes this year!). A Bistro will offer coffee, tea, fresh-baked brownies, sundaes and a new round of live entertainment. This year signed

copies of some local authors' books will be awarded as door prizes during the day. *Out of the Woods* offers emergency services for up to three homeless families at a time for up to 90 days. Donate items (in good condition please!)

in the jumbo collection bin (just off UU parking lot) before and after both Sunday services through Feb. 22. During the week they can be left in the church lobby Monday through Thursdays during business hours. Arrangements and info: crabtreesJL@gmail.com or spillway24@gmail.com

◆**Mon March 2: "Re-Thinking the Whole Economy" – Olympia FOR's March TV program** debuts today and runs every Monday from 1:30 to 2:30 pm and every Thursday from 9:00 to 10:00 pm through March 30 on TCTV cable channel 22 within Thurston County. Info: Glen 491-9093 www.olyfor.org See page 3.

Mon March 2: Global Warming Cafe: Come and meet others interested in local solutions. Put yourself on a low-carbon diet to lose 5,000 pounds this year! Join an eco-team at the Global Warming Cafe and get it done! 7-9 pm at Thurston County Courthouse Bldg 1 Room 152, 2000 Lakeridge Dr SW, Olympia.

Mon March 2: Permaculture experts from Austria present "The Secrets of Eden" – 7:00 p.m. at Traditions Cafe, 5th & Water SW, Olympia. \$15-\$20 sliding scale. Register at info@perma-dise.com, Perma-dise, PO Box 3043, Yelm WA 98597-3043

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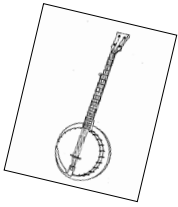
Fri-Sun March 6-8: Veterans for Peace holds 5th Annual NW Regional Conference: The 2009 conference theme is "Peace Movement at the Crossroads: Where Do We Go From Here?" Mark your calendars

now for this Seattle-area event with speakers, workshops, sharing sessions, networking and more!



Sat March 7: InterFaith Works World Sacred Music Festival, 11:00am to 9:00pm at SPSCC. Three stages of performance and workshops, a Sacred Art Exhibit, ethnic foods and a marketplace. Fun for the whole family. Free parking. Tickets at the door, \$20, \$15 low income, children under 10 get in free. Details and photos at www.ollysacredmusic.org

◆ **Sat March 7: Tom Rawson's Folk Music Concert to Benefit Olympia FOR:** See page 1 newsletter article, enclosed flyer, and www.olyfor.org. 7:30 pm at Traditions Cafe, 5th & Water SW, Olympia. \$10-\$25 sliding scale. Tickets from Traditions Fair Trade or from Olympia FOR, 5015 15th Ave SE, Lacey WA 98503. Info: Glen 491



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Thurs March 12: Equality Day at the Legislature supports equal rights and dignity

for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender folks.

Equal Rights Washington and the Religious Coalition for Equality invite people to participate in 9:00 advocacy workshops, 11:45 rally on the Capitol steps, 1:15 visits to legislators, and 3:00 reception. More info: Beth Richer at ERW at beth@equalrightswashington.org or 206-324-2570



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Thurs-Sat March 12-14 and Thurs-Sat March 19-21: 40 hours of training in how to mediate disputes: The Dispute Resolution Center of Thurston County offers this powerfully effective training from 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday. \$585 for adults, \$295 for teens. Info: (360) 956-1155 www.mediatethurston.org

Fri March 13: Heartsparkle Players: This month's theme and collaborating group were not yet confirmed when we published this newsletter. See Fri Feb 13 for basic info or contact Debe Edden 943-6772 debek@olywa.net

◆ **Sat March 14: Fire Mountain (Lewis County) FOR** meets 10:00 am to 12:00 noon (just before their 12 noon peace vigil in Washington Park, Centralia). For meeting location and other info, contact June Butler 360-748-9658 juneb2@earthlink.net or Larry Kerschner 360-807-5106 peacepoet@gmail.com

Sat March 14: "Let Them Eat Cake and Love Art" -- Thurston County Progressive Network (TC Pro-Net)'s Annual Fundraiser: For \$25 you can support our local progressive networking organization and enjoy a very good time! 7:00-11:30 at Sherri & Don's home, 3516 Pifer Road SE, Olympia south of Olympia High School's reader board). Info: 352-8225 www.tcpronet.org



Sat March 14: *How Sweet it Is!* South Sound Buddhist Peace Fellowship's (SSBPF) 2nd Annual Dessert and Silent Auction to benefit local charities. 6:30-9:00 pm, at the Bodhi House, 4846 Johnson Pt. Rd. NE. Divest yourself of unwanted treasures and find new ones all while having fun for worthy causes! Please bring 2 of the same kind of dessert, one to sample and one to auction - as well as any unwanted treasures that you want others to bid on (better/more valuable than typical garage sale items please). Or be creative in offering services - babysitting, dog walking, catered dinner... Lots of eating, socializing, music. Please contact to donate an item or a dessert so we can arrange for the printing of bid sheets, descriptions, etc. You can drop non-dessert items to Bodhi House during the week prior. Details: ssbpf@comcast.net or 438-0568

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Tues March 17: Lobby for social justice during Faith Advocacy Day: Urge legislators to address a variety of social justice issues, including poverty, social welfare, criminal justice, and more. Join people of various faiths for this annual day at the Legislature to make our state more humane. Info: faithadvocacy-day@gmail.com

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Olympia today and at the National Mall & Monuments National Park in Washington DC, tentatively from April 28 through May 3. Thanks to Douglas Mackey and others in Olympia and beyond who started this, and to

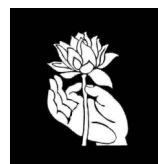
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Tues March 31: Sister Helen Prejean speaks about the death penalty: Scheebeck Concert Hall at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma's north end at 7:00 pm. Info: Judith Kay judithkay@harbournet.com

Mon April 6: Amnesty International's Olympia group works for human rights

worldwide: Meet at 7:00 pm on the first and fourth Mondays of each month. Everyone is welcome to share information, write letters, and organize community outreach to promote human rights. Location and info:

◆**Sat April 18: "Grassroots Change We Can Believe In" – Western Washington FOR Spring Assembly** brings folks together to network and explore timely issues with **strong emphasis on grassroots organizing**. 9 am registration and social time, 10 am start, morning workshops, 12 noon catered lunch, afternoon workshops, 4 pm end. Fauntleroy UCC church in West Seattle near the Vashon Ferry. Sponsor and info: W WA FOR 206-789-5565 wfor@wwfor.org www.wwfor.org Info and carpooling from Olympia: 360-491-9093 info@olyfor.org



HOW COULD THE OLYMPIA FOR BE MORE RECONCILING? by Dan Ryan

One of the questions that emerged during the Olympia FOR's Long-Range Strategic Planning process is, "How could the Olympia FOR be more reconciling?"

In the context of this query, one could further ask, "Who and what should we be seeking reconciliation with, and how should we go about making that happen?"

Big questions. Essential questions. But questions that need to be addressed.

I personally believe that this is what FOR should be about – reconciliation.

I also believe that actively embracing these questions will afford the Olympia FOR the opportunity to take a leadership role within our local community in educating people to the benefits of reconciling differences they might have with other individuals, groups, life forms, and even their role and place within the greater earth community.

I feel this should be a major goal of our organization.

What do you think? Please share your thoughts with me by e-mailing them to peaceguy02@yahoo.com or by mail at PO Box 1722, Olympia WA 98507.