Community News and Opportunities for Action,
reporting on events and issues of peace, justice, and sustainability affecting us and future generations in Alaska, broadcasting on Sundays, 8am & 6pm on KWRK-LP 90.9 FM Radio in Fairbanks, Alaska.

WEEK of May 6th, 2018
Be ready for opportunities to participate!

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<td>(Some) Issues of Peace, Justice, and Sustainability to be brought up</td>
<td>Go to <a href="http://www.alaskapeace.org">www.alaskapeace.org</a> “Community News” for a link to Community organizations &amp; contact info for local, state, and federal government representatives.</td>
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<td>This week in the Alaska Legislature:</td>
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<td>- SB 64 ADOPT UNIFORM ENVIRONMENTAL COVENANTS ACT</td>
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<td>-- Be aware that now almost any bill previously introduced in 2017-2018 or new wording can be introduced and acted on without prior notice or public input. CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION OFFICE TO FIND OUT HOW TO KEEP ABREAST OF ISSUES THAT CONCERN YOU.</td>
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<td>“House Bill 214, naming Teen Dating Violence Prevention Education in Alaska as “Bree’s Law,” is widely supported ... It passed the House unanimously with 27 co-sponsors and is now in the Senate with 14 of 20 co-sponsors... The Bree’s Law teen dating violence prevention work is showing results. Since 2015, reported cases in Alaska are nearly in half, a reduction of more than 1,500 victims in 2017 alone. [However,] It sure feels like Bree’s Law and the safety of our children in Alaska are being abused by Sen. Kelly... Who doesn’t like saving the lives and the futures of our children? You might want to ask Sen. Kelly this question. His office number is 907-465-3709. Sen. MacKinnon and the 14 co-sponsors have the power to pass Bree’s Law... Please move this bill out of Senate Finance Committee to the floor. It’s time to take action! “Stop the abuse” and pass the bill. “Don’t be afraid to save someone’s life.” If you want to help, you can sign the petition asking the Senate to pass Bree’s Law: bit.ly/2JUnIcj.” from a Community Perspective by Butch Moore, Bree’s father, in Fbks Daily News-Miner 5-5-18. See newsminer.com.</td>
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<td>&amp; “The Alaska State Senate passed a bill Thursday that would require certain residents covered by Medicaid to work or volunteer at least 20 hours a week to receive coverage... The legislation was passed, 14-3...[and] goes to the House for consideration.”</td>
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<td>&amp; [Monday] “The Alaska House of Representatives passed a bill Friday that will allow the Regulator Commission of Alaska to study and identify gaps in broadband internet access throughout the state. House Bill 384... will be sent to the Alaska Senate for consideration.”</td>
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<td>************ from State Sen Berta Gardner 5/1/18: “Happenings of Day 106 of the Legislative Session...While the conference committees hold their meetings in fits and starts, rumors float around, everybody wants to go home and other bills continue to roll through. Here are some examples:</td>
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* Alaska’s Congressional delegation: Capitol switchboard 1-202-224-3121
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<th>Sunday May 6</th>
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<th>Call to Action* Alaska’s annual meeting and potluck. Program includes a presentation on the “Jesuit Process of Discernment.” All are welcome to attend. 479-5336. (*Progressive Catholic organization working for justice and equality in the Church.)</th>
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<td>Monday May 7</td>
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<td>Arctic Audubon Society presents “What is a Land Trust, and What’s it doing in Fairbanks?” presentation by Martha Raynolds, Plant Ecologist. The Interior Alaska Land Trust was formed in 1995. Martha will describe what a land trust is, how it operates, and how our local land trust fits into our conservation community…”</td>
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<td>Tuesday May 8</td>
<td>8 am</td>
<td>Jimmy Fox: Impacts of the Home Heating Reclamation Act on FNSB_ Presentation will focus on ballot initiative that voters will face in October election. Part of the Energy for All Alaskans speaker series.</td>
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<td>5:30- 7 pm</td>
<td>City Diversity Council Mtg: The Fairbanks Diversity Council (FDC) meets the second Tuesday of each month to discuss and work to improve all areas of diversity within our City and community. The FDC was formed to provide a citizens’ forum, serve as a diversity advisory board, and recommend adoption of a Diversity Action Plan for the community. The FDC supports many different cultural and social activities in our community. More information: <a href="mailto:diversitycouncil@fairbanks.us">diversitycouncil@fairbanks.us</a> or <a href="http://www.fairbanksalaska.us/boards-and-commissions/">www.fairbanksalaska.us/boards-and-commissions/</a></td>
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<td>FNSB Trails Advisory Commission mtg to include discussing amendments to Comprehensive Recreational Trail Plan</td>
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<td>6-7 pm</td>
<td>Monthly IWW Fairbanks Mtg: Fellow Workers - please join the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) Fairbanks meeting on the second Tuesday of each month. All Wobblies (and recruit prospects) are welcome and encouraged to come.</td>
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<td>6 pm</td>
<td>CCHRC Residential Project Summer Kickoff - choose from 3 workshops: Buying a Home, Designing + Building, &amp; Retrofitting, sponsored by GVEA. Sandee Mayo Cold Climate Housing Research Center 457-3454</td>
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<td>Wednesday May 9</td>
<td>11:30-1pm</td>
<td>Breast Cancer Researchers Presenting in Fairbanks and North Pole Nursing the Earth Back to Health;Preventing Breast Cancer at the Individual, Institutional, and Community Level. Fairbanks Memorial Hospital-Grand Rounds - Imaging Center rm 232</td>
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<td>North Pole Library- multipurpose room</td>
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<td>The Blue Loon -Parks Hywy 6:30-Reception; 7-8:30 lecture with Q and A.</td>
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**Rape Test Kits:** HB31 by Representative Geran Tarr, addresses sexual assault and the shameful backlog of 3,484 untested rape kits. It requires the crime lab to do an annual inventory of the rape kits and to submit a report to the legislature on the status and the plan to complete all the testing. It also requires that police officers have at least 12 hours of instruction regarding sexual assault.”

**Termination of Parental Rights:** SB134, (my bill) clarifies that a woman who conceived a child as a result of rape can terminate the parental rights of the rapist with a court order. The right to do this is already in statute, but it is not clear enough for at least some judges, for many family law attorneys, and even the women who were raped. The bill is critically important for the impacted families, and I am delighted it has passed with broad support.

**Red Flag war games are underway at Eielson** … and continue through May 11 at Eielson Air Force Base...Interior residents can expect increased flight activity through the end of the exercise and for the Distant Frontier exercise, which takes place May 14-18. People who have complaints can call 377-2116 on weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or leave a message at www.eielson.af.mil/Contact.aspx.

**Eielson Air Force Base**

**Grand Rounds**

**March for Women's Rights**

**Sen Dan Sullivan in Fbks**

**Rep Don Young in Fbks**
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<td>KWRK-LP (aka Fairbanks Open Radio) weekly mtg. <a href="mailto:admin@kwrk.org">admin@kwrk.org</a></td>
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<td><strong>Protect the Refuge Art Party</strong>: join an art party to create signs, banners, or anything else you're inspired to make to show your commitment to defending the Arctic Refuge at the upcoming hearings. Hosted by Hrrl Scouts, FCAC, Native Movement, &amp; Gwich’in Steering Committee.</td>
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<td><strong>The Sustainability Commission meeting on May 9, 2018</strong> See the Agenda at this link.</td>
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<td><strong>Non-Violent Direct Action Training</strong>: Nonviolent action are techniques outside of institutionalized behavior for social change that challenges an unjust power dynamic using methods of protest, noncooperation, and intervention without the use or threat of injurious force. Join us to strengthen and diversify our tactics in Fairbanks. We will offer a 1.5 day intensive training on NVDA. Please RSVP to <a href="mailto:fairbanksclimateaction@gmail.com">fairbanksclimateaction@gmail.com</a> and also share with your networks if your groups will use these tools for change.</td>
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<td><strong>FCAC: Arctic Refuge Art Party</strong>: Hosted by FCAC. This event will be Thursday</td>
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<td><strong>The Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival</strong>, will begin 40 days of action to thrust the issues of poverty, racism and all forms of hate, militarism, environmental degradation and the nation’s distorted morality into the national conversation. Picking up the work of Dr. King and many others who launched the original Poor People’s Campaign in 1967, today’s effort provides a unique opportunity for peacemakers and justice seekers in various movements to work together to bring into existence a more just and peaceful world.</td>
<td><a href="mailto:alaska@poorpeoplescampaign.org">alaska@poorpeoplescampaign.org</a></td>
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<td>May 15</td>
<td><strong>from War Resisters International: International Conscientious Objection Day</strong>: See more under 'Peace' below. This year we’re focusing on South Korea asking the South Korean government to take the next step, finally recognise the rights of conscientious objectors, and stop sending them to prison. How to take action: - Post your support on social media using the #freeKoreanCOs. - On Twitter &amp; Facebook you can tag World Without War, CO support campaign in South Korea. - On our website you'll be able to send a CO-Alert email to the South Korean government demanding the release of the prisoners. Sign up here to receive a reminder...[and other ways]</td>
<td>590 University Ave.</td>
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<td>May 16/26</td>
<td>“Hello Tree Friends. It's that time of the year again that we are hosting our Annual FSWCD Tree and Shrub Sale! Pre-orders can be taken until May 16, and this year you can order online at fswcdtrees.com, as well as in-person, over the phone, or via mail. For more information please visit our website, fairbanksoilwater.org, or give us a call at 907-479-1213. As always, all profits go to supporting natural resource education.” from Fbks Soil &amp; Water Conservation District, via Cooperative Extension Service.</td>
<td>1744 Farmers Loop Rd, across from the golf course.</td>
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<td>Friday, 5/18</td>
<td><strong>Repeat Presentation: VietNam 50 yrs later. VFP Alan Batten, co-sponsored by CRFM &amp; APC.</strong></td>
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<td>Sat, 5/19</td>
<td><strong>NAACP members mtg</strong>: downstairs from Fbks Neighborhood Housing. President is Benny Colbert, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People ‘is not a black’ organization...it is inclusive of all people.’</td>
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<td>7-8:30 pm</td>
<td><strong>Co-housing in Alaska</strong>: It has been 18 months since Alaska’s largest Cohousing Community was created. Several former Fairbanksians will report on how it is working out for the 60+ people of all ages living in this cohousing community. (including 2 babies born this month!)</td>
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**Cold Climate Housing Research Center**

**Mon, 5/21**
Arbor Day To help, contact FKKS ARBOR DAY COMMITTEE 2018 via richiemauk@gci.net

**Thurs, 5/24**
Alaska Peace Center mtg. Link to the APC calendar. 3535 College Rd, ste 203

**OPEN THROUGH SEPT. 2018**
winter to May 31

Decolonizing Alaska is a multimedia visual art exhibit featuring contemporary artists exploring and responding to Alaska’s history of colonization. A collaboration of more than 30 diverse Alaska artists, both Native and non-Native, the exhibit introduces new ideas around Alaska culture. Artists move beyond stereotypical ideas to inspire conversation around self-definition and express ideas about identity separate from those that permeate popular culture. Learn more about the exhibit.

**Saturday**
June 2
12-2pm
6th Annual Peace Feast, celebrating Alaskan groups and individuals who have been working for peace, justice, and sustainability. Pioneer Park Square Dance Pavilion

**Wed, 7/4**
TBA
July 4th Music FEST: Unity Outreach Inc. is hosting their 25th annual Music FEST. They are looking for agencies to provide services or table at the event. The event is free, open to the public, and thousands of people attend each year. This is a great opportunity to get the word out about your agencies. For more information please contact barbaramarjurer@gmail.com

**Fri, 7/13**
TBA
July 13th Resource Fair: Christine Charrown & Megan Scheer from Access Alaska have taken the lead on planning a community resource fair. They are seeking tables from local groups to join us in this effort. Send more details later.

**7/13-16**
from notemovement.org: “Alaska Art and Action Camp! the 2nd summer of our Northern Organizers’ summits…. This year participants can choose one of the following tracks to focus on: Visual arts, Theater arts, Media arts, and Written/Spoken word.”  FNDM 5-1-18.

**Ongoing Campaigns, Recent Past Events, and/or Issues not specific to Alaska**

**Peace**

from Veterans For Peace 5/2/18: “Save the Iran Deal - In eleven days, Donald Trump will face his own self-imposed deadline to extend — or scuttle — the Iran deal. He’s got a mega-Iran-hawk war cabinet of John Bolton and Mike Pompeo whispering in his ear. And he just got major help from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Demand Congress call out this avalanche of anti-Iran deal lies and stop Trump from dragging us directly into a devastating war with Iran.”

**Justice**

from KUAC.org: “Telling your story is important. Congress is beginning to consider public media funding for Fiscal Year 2019, giving an opportunity to show lawmakers that support for federal funding for local stations is crucial. full details.”

“ Weed case returned to lower court. The state Supreme Court has returned a Tok man’s case to a lower court for consideration of whether the man deserves a new trial.”

“Airplane forfeiture sentence reversed by same judge” Read the articles at newsminer.com 5-5-18

“Drugmakers push back against lawmakers’ calls to tax opioids. Facing a rising death toll from drug overdoses, state lawmakers across the country are testing a strategy to boost treatment for opioid addicts: Force drug manufacturers and their distributors to pay for it....” AP via fdmm 4-30

**Sustainability**

Anch. Rep. Andy Josephson ends an Apr 30 Community Perspective in FDNM with: “Each Alaskan has the right to weigh in on projects that affect our lands and our residents... Pebble is ... trying to co-opt laws, such as the FAST Act, that move surface transportation projects forward; here, this would conveniently include the mining industry. The FAST Act is intended to help provide long-term funding for surface transportation projects. Now, Pebble wants that act to be used to expedite its permitting process. We need Alaska’s congressional delegation to oppose this move. I, for one, plan to continue holding the state accountable for a thorough vetting of this project. We must demand that the federal permitting process not overshadow our own, and that the state be allowed to move deliberately through its own due diligence. The effort to build a world-class gold mine in Bristol Bay must go through a rigorous permitting process to prevent an equally world-class disaster. Public comments on the Pebble Mine may be submitted at: bit.ly/2FhCYgJ through June 29.”

**Good News category**

"Legislature urges feds to rethink stance on marijuana JUNEAU — The Alaska Legislature has passed a resolution urging the federal government to reconsider its listing of marijuana as a controlled substance. The resolution also asks the federal government to respect the state’s authority to regulate the use, production and distribution of marijuana in Alaska. The House voted 37-0 Monday to accept changes made by the Senate. The Senate passed the resolution unanimously earlier in April.” FNDM 5-1-18.

**from War Resisters International: May 15: International Conscientious Objection Day.** “This year we’re focusing on South Korea asking the South Korean government to take the next step, finally recognise the rights of conscientious objectors, and stop sending them to prison. How to take action

- Post your support on social media using the #freeKoreanCOs. On Twitter and Facebook you can tag World Without War, the CO support campaign in South Korea on our website you’ll be able to send a CO-Alert email to the South Korean government

from info@rootsaction.org: “The U.S. government gives the Israeli military...”
demanding the release of the prisoners. Sign up here to receive a reminder...[and other ways]...and...

“War refuser Mattan Helman was discharged from the Israeli army after six spills in a military prison, adding up to a total of 110 days in jail. The official reason for the discharge was ‘bad, grave behaviour’... Read the story on +972.com... Israeli army regulations do permit exemptions from military service for pacifism, but those exemptions are denied to anyone whose refusal is deemed political or tied to the occupation in any way. Only once in the past 14 years has the army recognized a conscientious objector.’

Thank you to everyone who sent CO-Alerts on Mattan’s behalf. CO Ayelet Brachfeld remains in jail.”

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U.S. Continues Testing ICBMs

The launch came just hours before Moon Jae-in and Kim Jong-un met in a high-profile summit. The United States has repeatedly called North Korean missile testing “provocative” and has demanded that an end to North Korea’s missile program be part of the negotiation process.

Rick Wayman, Director of Programs at the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, said, “At such a sensitive time that we’re in right now in terms of peace negotiations with North Korea, I would have hoped for more sensitivity around this issue.” Janene Scully, “Vandenberg AFB Officials Mum After Test of Minute-man III ICBM,” Noozhawk, 4-25-18.

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“Moms Against Bombs
The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation has published a new booklet entitled “Moms Against Bombs.” In honor of Mother’s Day and the women who have taught us important lessons in our lives, the women of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation speak about why they chose to work for peace and the abolition of nuclear weapons.

To download a copy, click here.”

+ “ICRC President Issues Appeal on Risk of Nuclear Weapons - the President of the International Committee of the Red Cross, has issued a new statement appealing to all States, global leaders and citizens to act on the increasing risk of the use of nuclear weapons: "If a nuclear conflict happened today, there is no international plan nor capacity to respond adequately to even a limited use of nuclear

billions of dollars in free weapons every year.

The Israeli military has in recent weeks been shooting and killing nonviolent protesters in Gaza. On April 21, on an Israeli radio show, Israeli Brigadier-General (Res.) Zvika Fogel was asked about the killing of a 14-year-old boy. He replied:

"[A]ny person who gets close to the fence, anyone who could be a future threat to the border of the State of Israel and its residents, should bear a price for that violation. . . . "

The interviewer asked: "Then his punishment is death?" The Brigadier-General responded: "His punishment is death."

Click here to sign a petition to the U.S. government to end the provision of free weapons to the government of Israel.

It’s actually not unusual for Israeli military and government statements to match the cruelty of the actions. During the 2014 assault on Gaza, the Deputy Speaker of Israel’s Parliament posted on his FaceBook page a plan to conquer all of Gaza and "designate certain open areas on the Sinai border, adjacent to the sea, in which the civilian population will be gathered [and] . . . tent encampments will be established until relevant emigration destinations are determined."1

Another member of the Israeli Parliament, subsequently appointed Minister of Justice, Ayelet Shaked, posted the text of an article that declared that “the entire Palestinian people is the enemy” and urged its destruction, “including its elderly and its women, its cities and its villages, its property and its infrastructure,” as well as the slaughter of mothers before they could give birth to more "little snakes."2

The Times of Israel published a column headed “When Genocide Is Permissible.” A former head of Israel’s National Security Council, Giora Eiland, published a column with the headline “In Gaza, There Is No Such Thing as ‘Innocent Civilians’.”

Dov Weisglass, advisor to then Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, years ago proposed putting Gaza "on a diet," and Israel certainly has done so, its blockade creating extreme poverty and poor nutrition.3

During the past weeks, Israeli snipers have been killing participants, young and old, in nonviolent demonstrations.

Enough is enough.

Support our work for justice in Palestine.

-- The RootsAction.org Team

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from the Office of Governor Bill Walker Apr.30

“In Alaska, we have troublingly high rates of sexual abuse, domestic violence, and sexual assault - across the board. People from regions and communities that experience historical and intergenerational trauma have

Northern Alaska Environmental Center:

“We expect the dates for community meetings on leasing in the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to be released any minute now, and communities and advocates are getting ready... If you’ve got your comments ready, email them to blm_ak_coastalplain_EIS@blm.gov. The deadline is June 19.

:: Last week, the Army Corps of Engineers released the final EIS for the proposed Donlin gold mine, available at donlingoldeis.com. This process has left many in the region feeling unheard, as many are concerned about the future of their water, subsistence harvests, and health if this massive mine is built. Between now and May 29, take advantage of the final comment period on the proposed compensatory mitigation plan (appendices J and M of the EIS), or any other aspects of the proposal that you want to say on the public record. Submit your comments to POA.donlingoldeis@usace.army.mil.

For more background, you can revisit last week’s newsletter here, and please note this correction: the smell spawning grounds referred to are along the proposed transportation corridor, not adjacent to the mine itself. The FEIS states that development would result in “riverbed scour and degradation of aquatic habitat, in areas utilized for rainbow smelt spawning and egg-incubation in late May and June.”

:: “This week, the federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM) released its summary of public scoping comments for the proposed ambler Road. The bureau received around 7,000 comments from people throughout Alaska... 11 separate communities have passed resolutions opposing the road, citing the potential impacts on vital subsistence resources. Now is a perfect opportunity to contact Governor Walker at (907) 465-3500...”

:: “This week, the young plaintiffs suing the state government for climate justice in the case Sinnok vs. Alaska as part of Our Children’s Trust had a court hearing in Anchorage. After the hearing, surrounded by families and supporters, the plaintiffs and their lawyers held a short press conference, which you can watch here... We so admire these kids, and the leadership they are already demonstrating as they work for their homes, communities, and futures.”

:: Alaska Supreme Court weighs legality of Yes for Salmon ballot initiative. (Read more from Trustees for Alaska here.)

:: Arctic Drilling Will Only Worsen Air Pollution for a Village That’s Fighting to Breathe (Nuniqat)

:: After leaks, Cook Inlet’s oil and gas pipelines get an unprecedented review.

:: BLM extends GMT2 Draft Supplemental EIS comment period until May 17.

:: Comment now on Pebble mine.
weapons. Therefore, the only sound course of action is prevention. We appeal for urgent efforts to ensure that nuclear weapons are never again used.” Suggested measures include quickly signing and ratifying the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. To read Mauer’s full statement, click here.”

From Nuclear Age Peace Foundation.

* Alaska’s Congressional delegation: Capitol switchboard 1-202-224-3121

Rep Don Young in Fbks 456-0210; Email via web site: donyoung.house.gov

Sen Lisa Murkowski in Fbks: 456-0233/fax 451-7146; Email via: murkowski.senate.gov

Sen Dan Sullivan in Fbks 456-0261/fax 451-7290; Email via: sullivan.senate.gov

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from WorldBEYONDWar.org: “In order to defeat the Sanders-Lee-Murphy resolution in the Senate to end unconstitutional U.S. participation [in the Saudi war on Yemen], Defense Secretary James “Mad Dog” Mattis promised that the U.S. would work to end the war. But ... The war continues, and the Saudi attacks on civilians continue. On April 22, at least 20 people attending a wedding party in northern Yemen, including the bride and several children, were reported to have been killed by a U.S.-assisted Saudi air strike. The Senate has had an up-or-down recorded vote on U.S. participation in the war. But the House has not.

Urge your Representatives to insist on a recorded floor vote on ending unconstitutional, illegal, immoral, counterproductive U.S. participation in the catastrophic Saudi war in Yemen.

PETITION TO THE U.S. House of Representatives

In May, Representatives who oppose unconstitutional war must use consideration of the National Defense Authorization Act and the Department of Defense Appropriation to force floor votes on ending unconstitutional U.S. participation in the catastrophic Saudi war in Yemen. If the House leadership does not allow such votes, Representatives who oppose unconstitutional war must invite the War Powers Resolution to force a floor vote on ending the unconstitutional war.”

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from CodePINK: “if Kim Jong-un can give up his nuclear weapons, then it’s time for investment firms like BlackRock to say no to war, too. CODEPINK has been calling for a large-scale movement away from investing in weapons of war because no one should profit from conflict. Tell BlackRock to say no to war, yes to peace, and to Divest from the War Machine.”

even higher rates of victimization. Most victims are very young: 14 years old.

No one, let alone survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence, should have to wait years for justice. Last year, we ordered local law enforcement statewide to send their backlogged rape evidence kits to the Alaska Department of Public Safety. By improving technology and streamlining the work, we’ve reduced the backlog — and the wait-time to get sexual assault evidence DNA tested down from 300 days to 90 days.

90 days is still too long to wait, but progress is encouraging.... Other elements of our Public Safety Action Plan to address sexual violence include changing regulations to ensure Alaska courts can enforce out-of-state protective orders. We’re working on building a statewide Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault hotline, and a comprehensive modernized statewide 911 system, to ensure that survivors always have somewhere to turn, for advice, or in emergencies.

If you have other ideas, or things you’d like to see our administration pursue, please reach out. Domestic violence and sexual assault are a nationwide issue, but the especially high rates here in Alaska make them personal: we must work hard to ensure that perpetrators are brought to justice and survivors have the support and care that they need.” Call the Governor’s office (907) 465-3500

Lawsuit Filed Over Plan to Allow Public in Radioactive Zone

A number of Colorado groups have come together to file a lawsuit to prevent the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service from allowing the public on the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge. The wildlife refuge is in the “buffer zone” of the former Rocky Flats Plant near Denver, which the U.S. used to produce plutonium pits for its nuclear weapons from 1952 to 1989, when the FBI raided the plant and shut it down for environmental crimes. The lawsuit argues that the Fish and Wildlife Service did not complete a required analysis of environmental risks. Many local school boards, including Denver Public Schools, have announced that they will not permit students to visit the wildlife refuge because of health concerns. While Rocky Flats underwent a $7 billion cleanup, there are many reasons to believe that plutonium is still present in the environment.


:: Camp Habitat Summer 2018 registration now open:: summer nature education and ecology programs for kids ages 4-11
:: May 12-June 4: Dalton Hwy Clean-up with Northern Alaska Tour Company: Join the Northern Alaska Tour Company to pick up trash along the Dalton and Elliot Highways, and see Alaska along the way. Meals, transportation, and lodging included in price.

For more information call Robert or Michelle at 907-474-8600.

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GVEA 2018 Board Elections - 3-yr terms: seats for Districts 4 & 7 will be up for election this spring. You can check candidates’ links from the above site for sustainability & justice-related views. (Golden Valley Electric Association - a co-operative in which consumers are voting members.)

from The Downtowner, 5-1-18; “Downtown Association Endorses Frank Eagle [who] says, ‘...I am looking to regain the seat I lost to Gary Newman last term... Kilowatt sales have been decreasing but Gary wants to spend 20 million dollars on new renewable generation, thereby increasing our debt and elevating the price of each KWH. One shouldn’t increase production if sales are falling, no matter how noble the cause. Gary also voted against the Healy coal plant expenditures, which will provide us with long term, stable, low cost power...’”

Ballots in the Mail: Friday, 5-11-18; Deadline: 5pm on Tuesday, June 12

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from newsminer.com 5-3-18 : “ A federal grant worth $4 million is coming to the Fairbanks North Star Borough to be distributed to people willing to trade their woodstove for a cleaner-burning form of heat, such as oil, electric, natural gas or propane.” & on 5/2: “California and 16 other states sued the Trump administration Tuesday over its plan to scrap Obama-era auto-emissions standards that would require vehicles to get significantly higher gas mileage by 2025...”

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“Four Barrels of Nuclear Waste Rupture in Idaho 4 barrels containing radioactive sludge ruptured at the Idaho National Laboratory. Firefighters had to extinguish one barrel that was smoldering. Officials were not sure exactly what was in the barrels, but said it was likely radioactive material produced in the 1960s at the Rocky Flats Plant in Colorado. The barrels were going to be shipped to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) in New Mexico. WIPP only recently reopened after a barrel of radioactive waste ruptured there in 2014.” Keith Ridler, "Officials Say Radioactive
Spotlight

KWRK-LP & IWW - Fairbanks Fundraiser Saturday with music, food, and the reading of a play was a fun occasion. Some audio clips from it were included.

It is not too late to contribute to keeping this radio station on the air. Go to kwrk.org.

Songs & other audio from Saturday’s fundraiser played with today’s newscast:

-- The Banks Are Made of Marble by Les Rice, sung by Flyn Ludington
-- Dirty, by Fitz & Ramos
(Apologies to Mike Stackhouse and to Forest for missing audio clips of their music.)
-- KWRK DJs’ introductions of their shows:
- Sundays 8am & 6pm Alaska Peace Center Comunity News & Opportunities for Action - Heather & helpers
- Sundays 7-10pm Soulful Sundays with Motown T
- Mondays ? 10pm-12 Moribund Radio mixed media with Hagelas
- Tuesdays 10pm-12 but on hiatus for summer field work - Empty Hearth with Brit
- Wednesdays 3pm -Investigations interviews with Birch (temp medical leave)
- Thursdays 9-10pm Chopped Liver with Rachel: country, gospel, rock’n’roll
- Thursdays 10pm-12 Raise Your Fist! with Kelly Green: Resistance Rock, some talk- peace, justice
- Fridays 4-5pm Forty Below 420 Show with Key Kush: cannabis education
- Saturdays 3pm Stage Left with Birch: live local musicians in KWRK studio (temp medical leave)
- Other contributors to programming
- Excerpts from a reading of a portion of the new play Education of A Dungbeetle, by the Asymmetric Moose

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